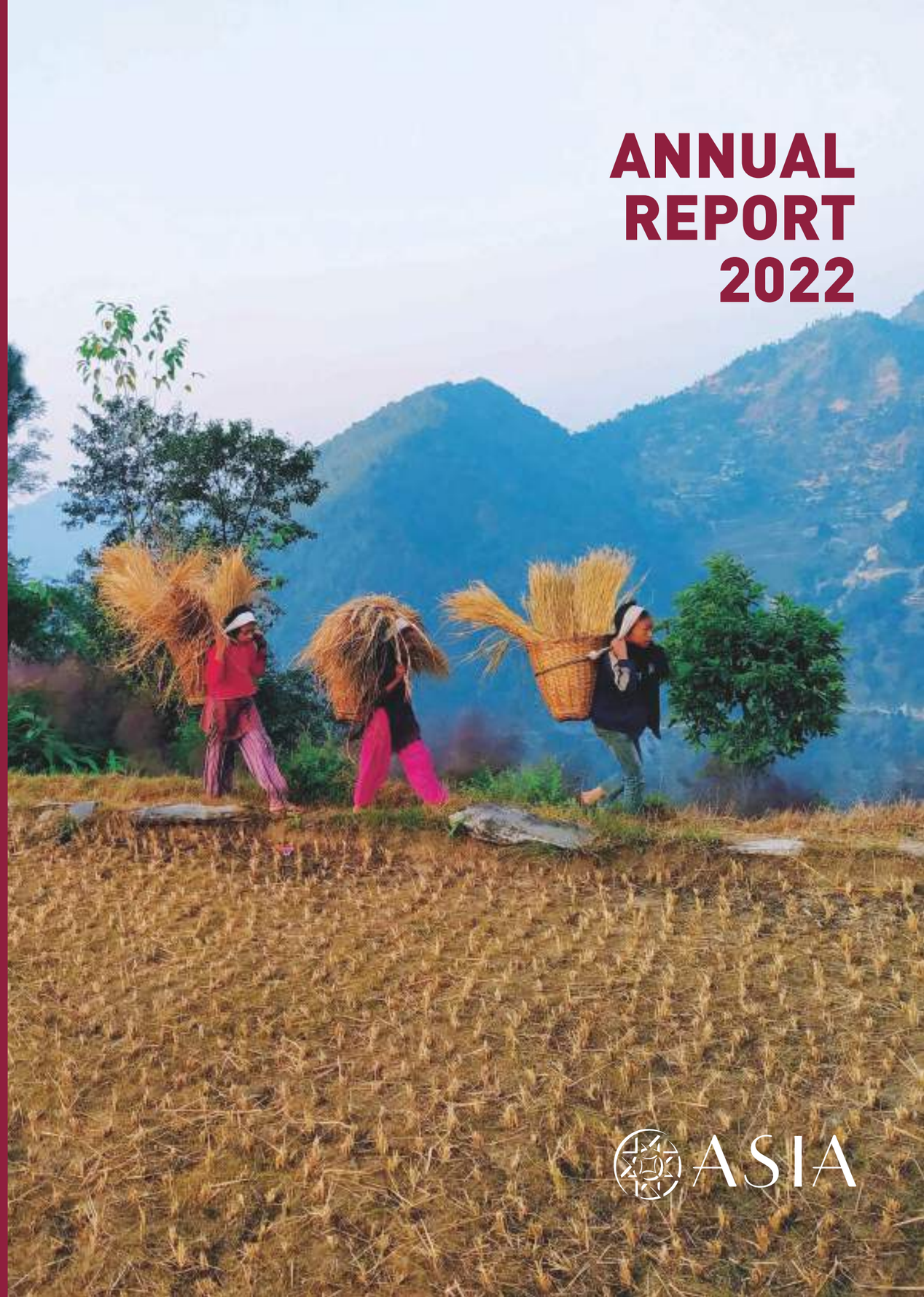
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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

In 2022, against the backdrop of a major economic and social crisis caused by the prolonged effects of Covid-19 pandemic and the sudden and unexpected outbreak of war in Ukraine, together with the consequent energy and food crisis that immediately ensued, and the increasingly devastating effects of climate change, droughts and natural disasters all around the world, we felt a sense of bewilderment and uncertainty about our future work. The transition from development to emergency now seems almost a compulsory step if we intend to help the populations affected by so many disasters and access funds for international cooperation. These funds are now increasingly being allocated to large organisations which, having joined together in international consortia, have become almost the sole point of contact for institutional donors. In order to cope with the consequences of this crisis, ASIA has started a process of reflection to understand how to continue its work over the next few years, in which countries, in which sectors and with which type of organisation.

Some of the Asian countries in which we operate will be classified by the United Nations as middle-income countries in the coming years and will consequently receive less and less funds for development activities, forcing us to quickly review the geographic positioning of our activities as well, since after the forced exit from Tibet, ASIA has sought to increase projects in Nepal and Bhutan.

Last year, our sectoral priorities were the development of ecologically sustainable, organic agriculture to counter the effects of climate change, improving access to education, with long-distance adoptions, teacher training and support for schools in remote areas, protecting the cultural, spiritual and linguistic heritage of oppressed cultural minorities, education and raising awareness in civil society on the issues of climate change, solidarity, human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as the dignity of every person, introducing the values of Buddhist culture such as empathy, non-violence and interdependence to create a more respectful and tolerant society. In all our projects, we have paid great attention to women's participation in order to achieve gender equality by strengthening women's access to education, training and employment.

**In Nepal**, one of the poorest and most corrupt countries in the world, with an extremely fragile ecosystem, severely compromised by the effects of climate change and hydro-geological disruption, we have carried out 8 projects, 6 of which are in the field of food security, agriculture, pastoralism and fighting against climate change, 1 project in the field of education and 1 project in the field of protecting Tibetan cultural and spiritual heritage.

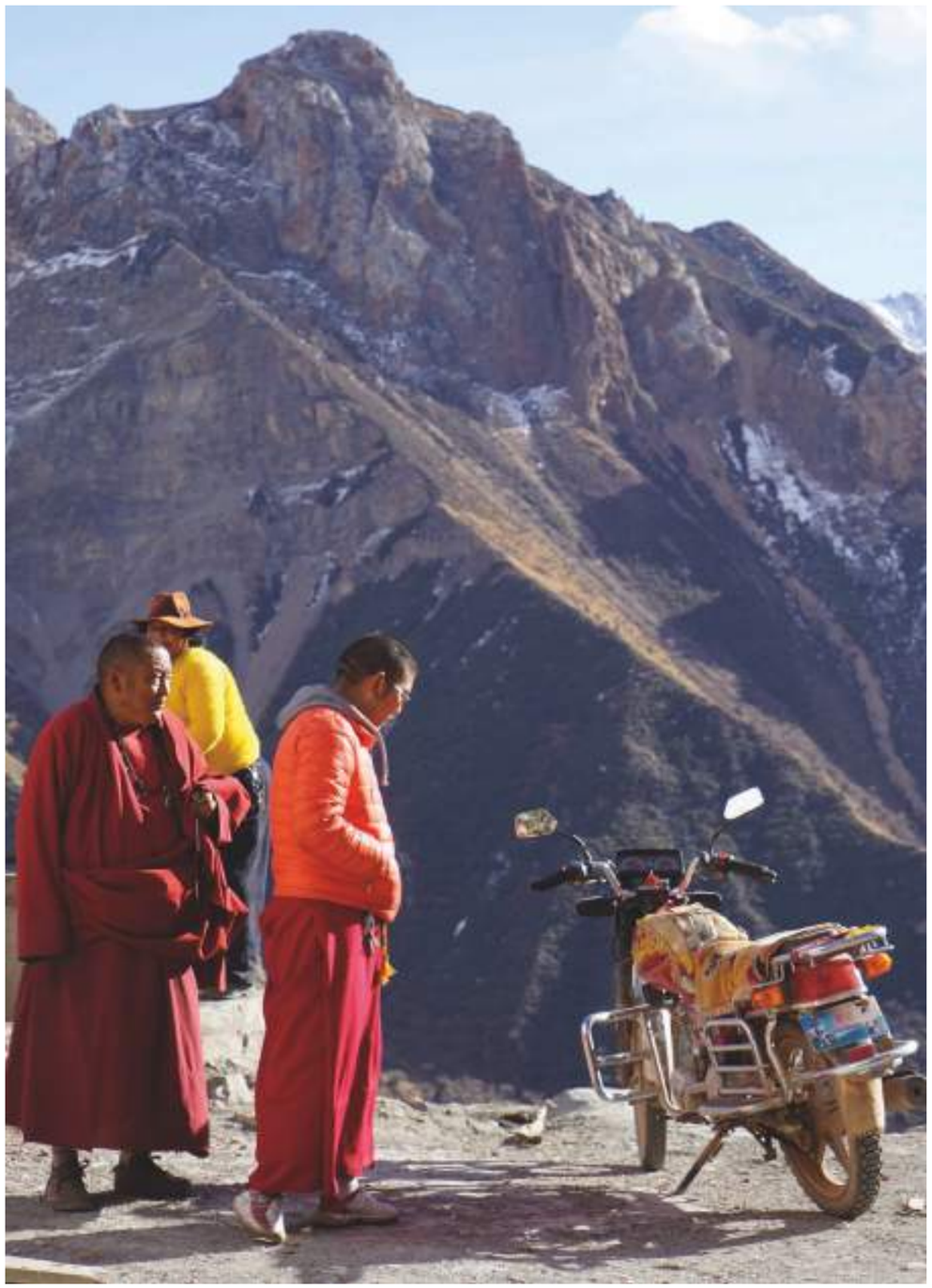
**In Myanmar**, where unfortunately the civil war continues to escalate and claim victims, and where the crisis - economic, social, health - is becoming heavier by the day, we were able to keep our expatriate and local staff always inside Myanmar by carrying out the activities of 2 projects in the food security sector. The first, which started in 2019, is a 3-year project funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation to develop coffee cultivation in the Chin region. A second project funded by the Autonomous Province of Bolzano has been added to this project. It supports the Cho minority in the Southern state of Chin to produce enough food for a proper diet and to start production activities to provide an economic supplement to the family income.

**In Bhutan**, we implemented 3 projects in cooperation with ASIA's operating partner, the Nyo Foundation. Of the 3 ongoing projects in 2022, 2, funded by private foundations, are in the area of cultural, spiritual and artistic heritage preservation, while the third, funded by the Autonomous Province of Bolzano, in the area of education, involved the digitisation of 2 schools located in remote counties in Bhutan and the creation of a digital platform to improve schools teaching and interactions between students, teachers and parents. 3 more projects were approved and will start in 2023.

**In Mongolia**, ASIA sent an expatriate coordinator on site and started the activities of the project funded by the Italian Buddhist Union 'From the village to the world – Bridging the media literacy gap in rural Mongolia'. The project aims to improve education in one of Mongolian most isolated provinces and provide tools and new skills to the beneficiary population to cope with new global challenges. During the year, 2 teacher trainings on the correct use of computers, basic and complex programmes were organised, 13 smart boards were provided to 13 schools and furniture and equipment for 4 school libraries were delivered.

**In Italy**, 5 Global Citizenship Education projects were implemented, enabling ASIA to consolidate its relationship with numerous Italian schools and institutions. During the year, 2 projects were completed that included activities for children and teachers on awareness of their inner space and the external environment with Yoga and Mindfulness courses, environmental sustainability education workshops and the creation of school gardens. 2 new projects were then launched in partnership with the Merigar International Dzogchen Community, co-financed by the Italian Buddhist Union. The first, to sensitise primary and secondary school students, teachers and civil society to respect sentient beings and nature through workshops and meetings in schools, webinars and publications. The second, to raise awareness among children and adults of the importance of values such as empathy, love, compassion, altruism, and respect for others, in order to create a harmonious society that puts an end to conflicts and the suffering they cause. For environmental sustainability education projects, the 'GREEN SCHOOL Italia programme: network of schools and territories for sustainable development' funded by AICS was launched in October. The Province of Varese is the leader of the partnership of 12 entities and the project aims to support schools in 13 provinces in 5 regions to promote sustainable development and adopt good practices to reduce their carbon footprint. In the Lazio region, ASIA began working with Città Metropolitana Roma Capitale with the goal of involving at least 30 schools of all levels over the next 24 months and, at the end of the 2 years, organising a national conference on the project, with the involvement of the institutions. In September, the Ministry of Education financed the project 'P.A.S.S.I. in community – Paths of Meaningful, Situated, Integrated/Inclusive Learning in Community', with the organisation Maestri di Strada as the leader of a partnership of 14 Third Sector organisations with experience in educational





workshops for social inclusion in schools, which will take place in the regions of Campania, Emilia-Romagna, Lazio, Lombardy and Veneto.

Of what has been mentioned here, the 2022 Annual Report, provides precise data, supported by indicators used by ASIA to measure results. Everything we have done has been made possible thanks to our donors, partners, supporters, board and staff at home and abroad, to whom we extend our sincere thanks. Our hope is that we will be able to adapt to all these changes and continue our journey in order to benefit as many sentient beings as possible by helping them to free themselves from suffering and live a happier and more dignified life.

Rome, June 2023

Annalisa dell'Angelo



# METHODOLOGICAL NOTE

With this document, ASIA intends to provide all interested parties, supporters, donors, collaborators, partners and civil society – in a clear and transparent manner – with all information on the activities carried out, the results achieved and how funds were spent in 2022 to achieve the objectives set out in the Organisation Strategic Plan.
The organisation is now in a transitional phase while waiting to register with the Runts and is gradually adapting its financial statements and mission report to the guidelines for drafting the annual report of Third Sector organisations.
The current document consists of 4 chapters divided as follows:

- The first chapter provides a brief presentation about ASIA, ASIA offices in Italy and around the world, the awards it has received over the years, ASIA history, the values it is inspired by, the countries where it is active, ASIA vision and mission, its governing bodies, organisational chart and staff, the Organisation Code of Ethics, policies and procedures that regulate all activities and the behaviour of staff involved in the activities.

- The second chapter briefly outlines the people reached in the various intervention countries divided into categories. It then briefly outlines the donors ASIA has approached for funding and support, the partners with whom ASIA collaborates in the various intervention countries, and the networks of which it is a member.

- The third describes which projects were submitted, which were approved, to which donors they were sent, the financed amounts, the countries and sectors of intervention of the projects approved and implemented during the year. Then there is a brief comparison of the contribution made to achieving the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
  This chapter presents the projects implemented in 2022, divided by country of intervention (Bhutan, Nepal, Myanmar, Mongolia and Italy), providing all the necessary data: objectives, activities, results, outputs, reached beneficiaries, donors and amount spent during the year.
  The activities related to the long-distance sponsorship project are then described, with a quantitative analysis of the results achieved during the year in terms of support, the critical issues and problems encountered, and a description of ongoing projects by country.
  At the end of this chapter, fundraising and communication activities are mentioned, describing the events organised during the year, campaigns, solidarity gifts and communication activities.

- In the fourth chapter is the 2022 financial statements with the balance sheet and the profit and loss statement, detailing income and expenditure during the year.
  This is followed by the mission report with the new reclassification of the financial statement prepared according to the criteria issued by the Ministry of Labour. The main items are: fixed assets, current assets accrued income and prepaid expenses, shareholders' equity, provisions for commitments and risks, and payables.
  The report of the audit carried out by an independent auditor is then reproduced in full.





The chapter concludes with the full report of the Audit Unipersonal Organ.

All the data in the document were subject to analysis and control by ASIA internal verification and audit processes.

The annual report is available in a digital version in Italian and English on the ASIA website and is printed in very few copies in both languages to reduce expenses and paper use in order to protect forests and the environment.

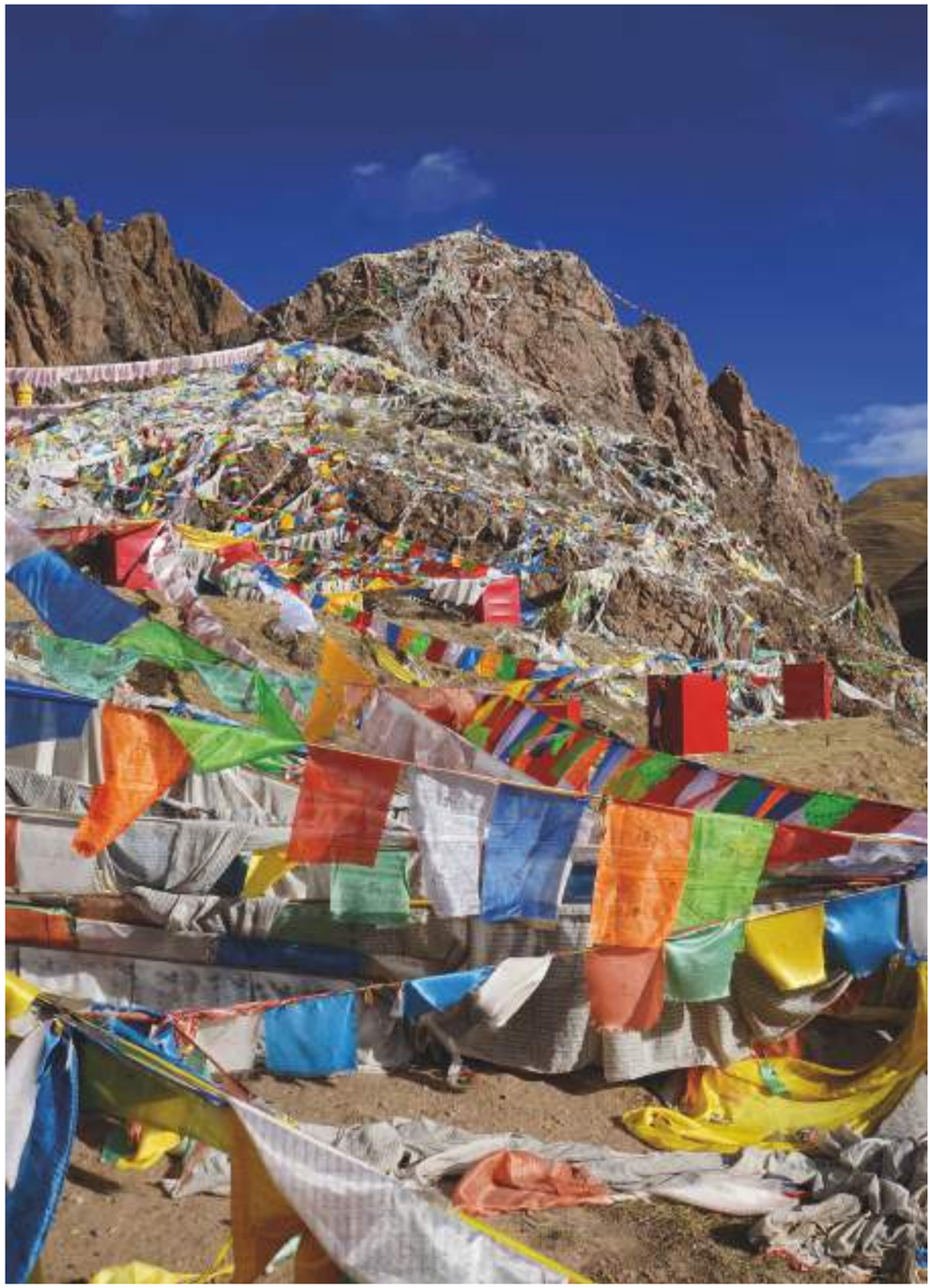



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# WHO WE ARE



ASIA – Associazione per la Solidarietà Internazionale in Asia [Association for International Solidarity in Asia] – was founded in 1988 by **Chögyal Namkhai Norbu**, a famous Master of the Dzogchen teaching and profound expert in the ancient history and culture of Tibet.

ASIA is an NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) certified by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS, Agenzia Italiana per la Cooperazione allo Sviluppo) and a non-profit organization for social benefit (ONLUS, Organizzazione Non Lucrativa di Utilità Sociale) listed by the Italian Agency of Onlus.

ASIA operates in the Asian continent and in particular in India, Nepal, Mongolia, Myanmar and Bhutan, and over all these years has helped more than 1.500.000 people, garnering professional expertise and experience in the management of development and emergency projects. ASIA and all its staff in Italy and the world, have absorbed and made thier own the values encountered in many of these ancient cultures. Values such as **awareness, compassion, altruism, openness to different cultures, direct engagement of local communities**, have become integral parts of ASIA's modus operandi.

The aim of our Association is not only to fight against poverty but also to create of a **culture of peace and tolerance** in order to take part in the **creation of a better society that respects individuals and the environment in which we live**.





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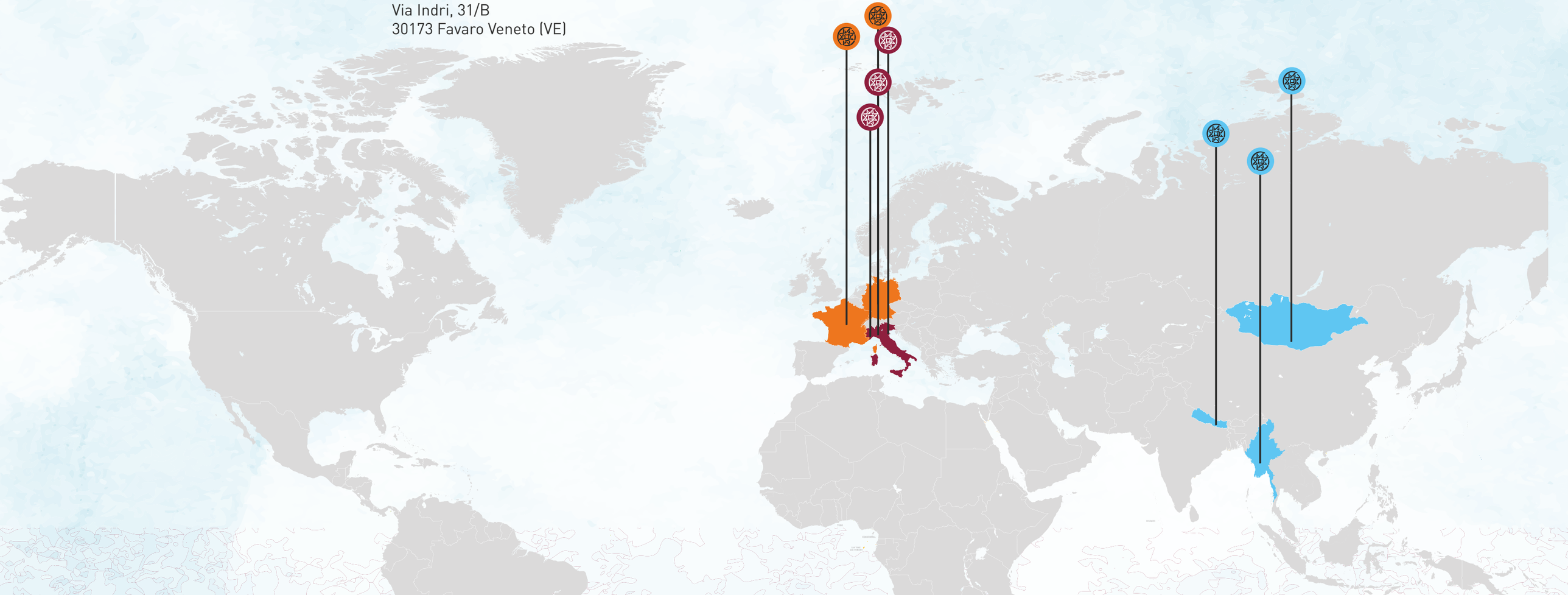
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# INSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION



ASIA is an NGO recognized by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (Agenzia Italiana per la Cooperazione allo Sviluppo - AICS) in decree n. 2016/337/000136/0 of 04/04/2016, as having the following qualifications:

- **Realization of short and medium term programs in developing countries.**
- **Selection, training and utilization of civil service volunteers.**
- **On-site training of citizens in developing countries.**
- **Information.**
- **Development Education.**

This recognition allows ASIA to obtain funding for the implementation of projects financed by the AICS for the above-cited actions.

ASIA is registered also to the Italian National List of No Profit Organizations (ONLUS) – NGO sector – with the number 12076, at the Tuscany Regional Revenue Authority. ASIA is registered to the Prefectural Register of Legal Persons in Grosseto, no. 190





# OUR HISTORY

## 1988

Chögyal Namkhai Norbu founded ASIA after conducting a series of missions in India, Nepal, and Tibet, which brought to light the difficult cultural, social, and economic conditions of the Tibetan people.

## 1990

Our projects in India primarily aim to improve living conditions for Tibetan refugees, with our focus increasingly shifting toward the incredibly vast areas of China where people of Tibetan ethnicities live (Quinghai, Sichuan, the Autonomous Region of Tibet, and Gansu).

## 1994

Our long-distance sponsorship project begins

## 1999

Officially recognized by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs as an NGO for International Cooperation, in 2001 ASIA signed a partnership agreement with ECHO (European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations) for emergency response projects to bring assistance to victims of natural disasters.

## 2004

After the catastrophic tsunami, our area of intervention extends to Sri Lanka.

## 2009

New projects are initiated in Nepal.

## 2010

Humanitarian aid operations are concentrated in the Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture of Yushu, devastated by a terrible earthquake.

## 2015

In Nepal the consequences of the earthquake are devastating. ASIA implements emergency response and rebuilding projects.

## 2016

ASIA's field of action expands to Mongolia and Myanmar.

## 2019

Starting of our Global Citizenship Education (GCED) in Italy.

## 2020

Opening activities in a new Country, Bhutan.

## 2021

Consolidation of interventions in schools and health facilities in India and Nepal to cope with the pandemic of Covid19. Xining headquarter and all projects in Tibet are closed.

## 2022

Together with ASIA Germany, we organized the sending of humanitarian aid to Ukraine, while in Italy we developed the socio-emotional and environmental education activities in schools.

# OUR VALUES

ASIA is a humanitarian organization working for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in line with the principles of the Universal Declaration and the European Convention on Human Rights, in support of peoples in need of help regardless of race, faith, religion or nationality.
Ours is a nonprofit, apolitical and independent organization.
We operate in **respect of cultural diversities**, taking steps to promote and safeguard the **local traditions**, the **artistic heritage and the traditional sciences** while spreading their knowledge in civil society.
We believe in the **active participation of our beneficiaries** and involve communities in identifying the constraints to development and in drafting, implementing, managing and guaranteeing the sustainability of projects.
We act **respecting natural ecosystems**, utilizing materials and technologies with low environmental impact.
We believe in the value of **universal education**, the inalienable right of every child to gain access to better life conditions and in safeguarding the cultural integrity of peoples.
**Valuing quality over quantity**, we concentrate on a limited number of projects deploying motivated, expert professionals who operate respectful of the values of our Association and of the beneficiary populations.
**Transparency and honesty** are the cornerstones of ASIA's financial and economic administration.
Certification of the accounts, control mechanisms, careful selection of the administrative staff of projects, internal auditing systems and chartered auditors are some of the guaranteeing elements for private and public donors sustaining our activities.





# MISSION AND VISION

## MISSION

ASIA works to preserve the identity as well as the historical and cultural heritage of peoples of the Asian continent, with special attention to Tibet and the Himalayan region. ASIA promotes sustainable development that centre on local communities, engaging their human, cultural and environmental resources.

## VISION

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# WHERE WE WORK

ASIA works in support of the Tibetan diaspora in India and Nepal, with emergency and international cooperation projects in Bhutan, Myanmar, Mongolia and Nepal and with global citizenship education projects in Italy.





# GOVERNANCE

The sovereign body of ASIA is the Assembly of Members. In 2022 there were 42 members of ASIA, 22 women and 20 men, 36 Italians and 6 foreigners (1 Canadian and 5 Europeans).
The Assembly of Members is tasked with identifying and delineating the general aims of the Association, approving the Budget and Final Statements of Accounts for each financial year, this closes on 31 December of each year. Every 3 years it appoints a Board of Directors, the Honorary President, the Audit Committee and the Arbitrators. The Board of Directors appoints among its members the Legal Representative, who remains in office for three years and can be re-elected. The members of all the offices are all working free of charge.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**Giorgio Cancelliere**
**Riccardo Ducci**
**Mark Farrington**
**Daniela Garbo**
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## Audit Committee
## UNIPERSONAL ORGAN

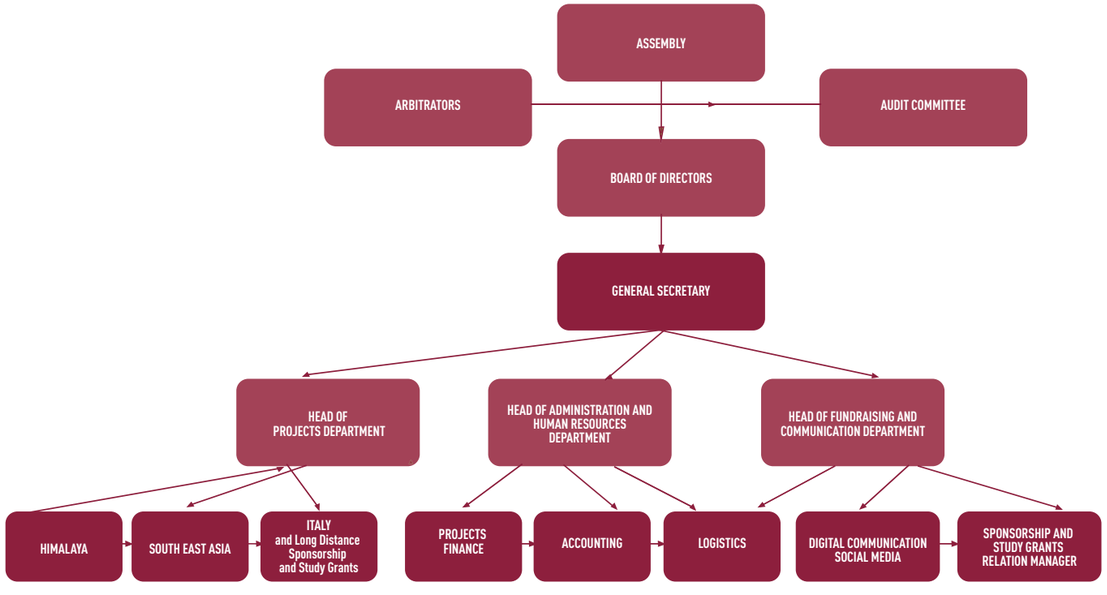
**Francesco Laurìa**

## ARBITRATORS

**Marco Almici**
**Carla Caponi**
**Leopoldo Sentinelli**



# ORGANIZATION CHART








# HUMAN RESOURCES

## COMPOSITION OF THE STAFF

| Collaborators | Women | Men | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Full-time employees | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Part Time employees | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Co.co.co in Italy | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Co.co.co overseas | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Director | | 1 | 1 |
| **Total** | **7** | **6** | **13** |

## COMPOSITION BY AGE

| Age group | Women | Men | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| 18-30 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 30-40 | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| 41-55 | 1 | | 1 |
| oltre 56 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| **Total** | **7** | **6** | **13** |

## SALARIES

| Gross Salary | Minimum gai | Maximum gai | Reference gai |
|---|---|---|---|
| Full-time employees | 22,951.74 | 27,930.98 | 22,951.74 |
| Part Time employees | 15,829.32 | 15,829.82 | 15,982.82 |
| Co.co.co in Italy | 18,000.00 | 19,200.00 | - |
| Co.co.co overseas | 36,000.00 | 40,344.00 | - |

## COMPOSITION BY CATEGORY

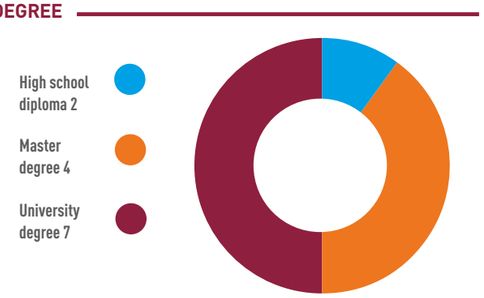
| Collaborators by category | Women | Men | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Officers | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Managers | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Employees/collaborators | 5 | 7 | 12 |
| **Total** | **5** | **8** | **13** |



## OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE




## DEGREE




## LOCAL STAFF: COMPOSITION BY AGE

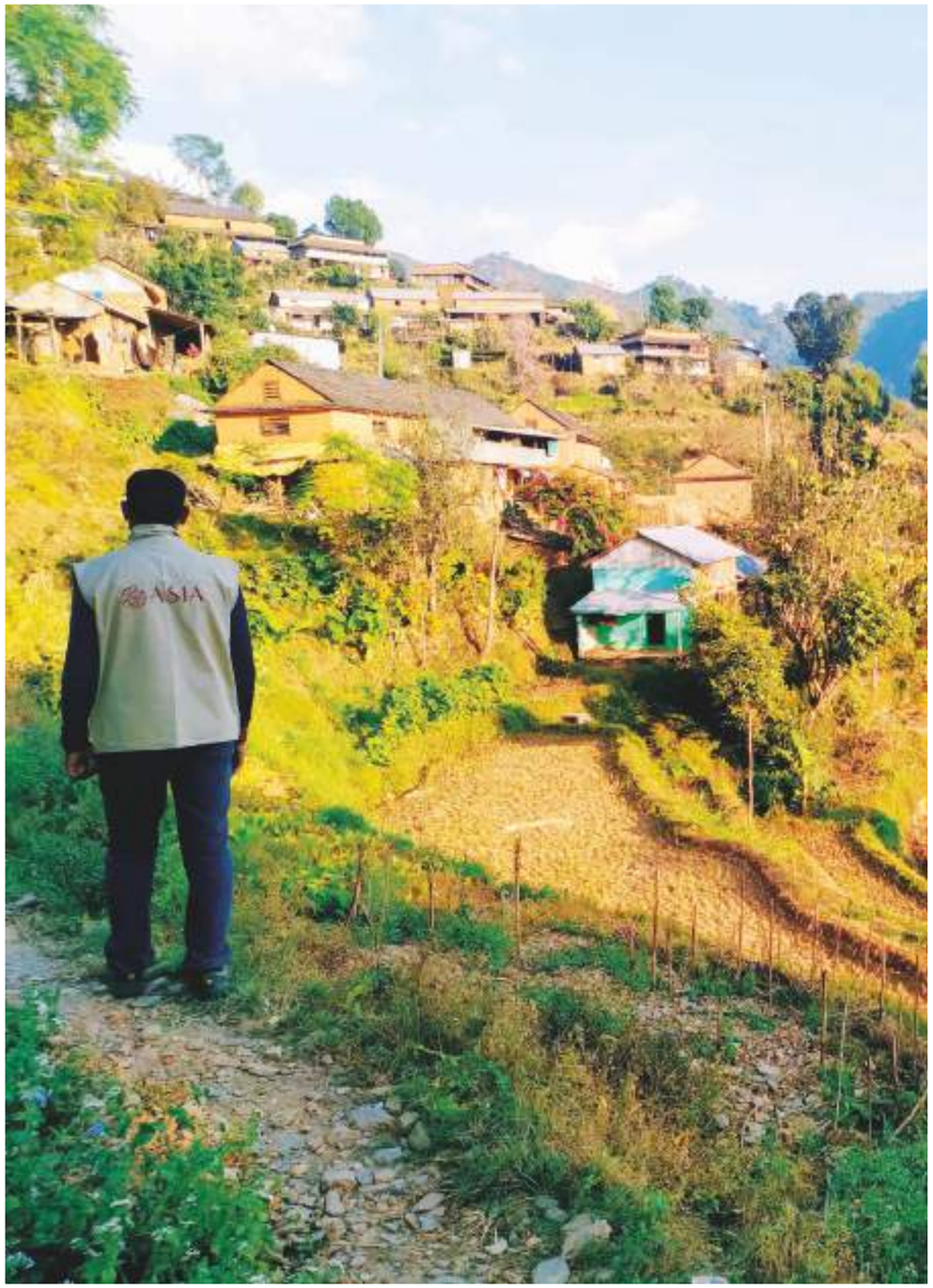
| Age group | Women | Men | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| 18-30 | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| 30-40 | 5 | 4 | 9 |
| 41-55 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| over 56 | | | 0 |
| **Total** | **9** | **11** | **20** |

## LOCAL STAFF: COMPOSITION BY ROLE

| Duty | Women | Men | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Program director | | 1 | 1 |
| Project manager | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| Administratiive | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Logistician | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Driver | | 2 | 2 |
| Other | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| **Total** | **6** | **13** | **19** |



# ETHICS



To guarantee the respect of the principles and values underpinning the activities of the Organization, ASIA has adopted a series of codes and procedures that ensure propriety, objectivity and impartiality in the realization of the mission of the Association. In particular, we have adopted:

- a **Code of Ethics and Conduct**, that includes principles and values that determine the activity of the Organization and the conduct of all staff members, partners and companies providing goods and services;
- an **Anti-Fraud Policy and Anti-Corruption Code of Conduct**, which formally defines ASIA's commitment not to allow any type of illicit conduct, corruption or fraud and to comply with relative applicable law;
- a **Policy for Prevention and Fighting of Sexual Harassment, Mobbing and Discrimination for the protection of personal integrity**, which guarantees a working environment based on mutual respect and proper interpersonal relations, to improve the office ambience and workers' safety and performance;
- a **Child Protection Policy**, including an Ethical Code and Reporting Procedure, mandatory for all those working for and with the Organization;
- and, finally, a series of **administrative and technical Procedures** (logistics, project management, human resources, safety, etc.) that define clear and impartial standards and processes, for a management of the Organization's activities that is transparent, complete and respectful of the highest national and international standards of the sector.



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# WITH WHO



A fundamental aspect of ASIA's work is the **collaboration** with associations and institutions that provide knowledge, skills and resources for the realization of projects, the active **participation** of the beneficiary communities who are directly involved in the process of sustainable development, and the interest and involvement of donors who provide the financial resources without which nothing would be possible.

Also in 2022, the **synergy** with partners, beneficiaries and donors was at the basis of the work done and the results obtained during the year.





# CHI ABBIAMO AIUTATO NEL 2022

## NEPAL

- Students 716
- Families 210
- Monks 162
- Farmers 11.669
- Teachers 12

**Total direct beneficiaries 12.769**
**indirect 51.076**

## BHUTAN

- Students 1.231
- Families 600
- Monks 3
- Teachers 130

**Total direct beneficiaries 1.964**
**indirect 7.856**

## MYANMAR

- Farmers 1.039

**Total direct beneficiaries 1.039**
**indirect 4.156**

## UKRAINA

- Patients 16.000

**Total direct beneficiaries 16.000**
**iindirect 64.000**

## INDIA

- Students 575
- Monks 23
- Elders 67

**Total direct beneficiaries 665**
**indirect 2.660**

## MONGOLIA

- Students 1.290
- Teachers 33

**Total direct beneficiaries 1.323**
**indirect 5.292**

## ITALIA

- Students 2.318
- Teachers 278
- Italian Civil Society 1.469

**Total direct beneficiaries 4.065**
**indirect 16.260**

## TOTALI

- Students 6.107
- Families 810
- Monks 188
- Italian Civil Society 1.469
- Elders 67
- Patients 16.000
- Teachers 453
- Farmers 12.708

**Total direct beneficiaries 37.825**
**indirect 151.300**



# DONORS

AICS – Italian Agency for Development Cooperation

Autonomous Province of Bolzano

Autonomous Province of Trento

Caritas

DAFNE Università degli studi della Tuscia

Italian Prime Minister's Office

Pianoterra ETS

PIN s.c.r.l.

Progetto Continenti Onlus

Tides Foundation

Treedom S.r.l

Triten Norbutse Institution

UBI (Italian Buddhist Union)

Thanks to our long distance sponsors and to our private donors.



# PARTNER

Agenda 21 Laghi, Municipality of Laveno Mombello - Italia

Associazione Apicoltori Trentini – Italia

Associazione EFYS - Italia

Associazione Forestale del Trentino – Italia

Azienda Ambientale di Pubblico Servizio (AAMPS) di Livorno - Italia

Beautiful Coffee – Nepal

CAST ONG Onlus - Italia

CEAPRED - Center for Environmental and Agricultural Policy Research, Extension and Development - Nepal

Città Metropolitana di Cagliari - Italia

Città metropolitana Roma Capitale - Italia

Cooperativa Brikke Brakke – Italia

Cooperativa Erica – Italia

CST (Central School for Tibetans) - India

DAFNE (Università della Tuscia) - Italia

Druk Nyo Foundation – Bhutan

Dzigar Holy Cave - India

Gautam Buddha Monastery - Nepal

International Dzogchen Community –Merigar - Italia

K'Cho Land Development Association – COLDA – Myanmar

LAV - Italia

Manasarovar Foundation - Nepal

Namgyal High School - Nepal

Nepal Agroforestry Foundation – Nepal

Nghagyur Choeling Monastery - Nepal

Istituto OIKOS Onlus - Italia

PIN s.r.l. (Arco) – Italia

Progetto Continenti Onlus – Italia

Province of Varese - Italia



Provincial Department of Education and Science - Mongolia

School of Aarukharka - Nepal

School of Dolpo (Ganchen Meri) - Nepal

School of Dupcheshwori - Nepal

School of Namuna – Nepal

School of Thangdoor - Nepal

Srongtsen High School – Nepal

Srongtsen Primary School Nepal

STS - Sambhota Tibetan School – India

Study Grant office of DOE of Tibetan government in exile – India

Sumthrang Monastery - Bhutan

Tashi Choeling Monastery - Nepal

TCV - Tibetan Children's Village - India

THF - Tibetan Homes Foundation - India

TIPA - Tibetan Institute for Performing Arts – India

Tise School - Nepal

Trentino for Tibet – Italia

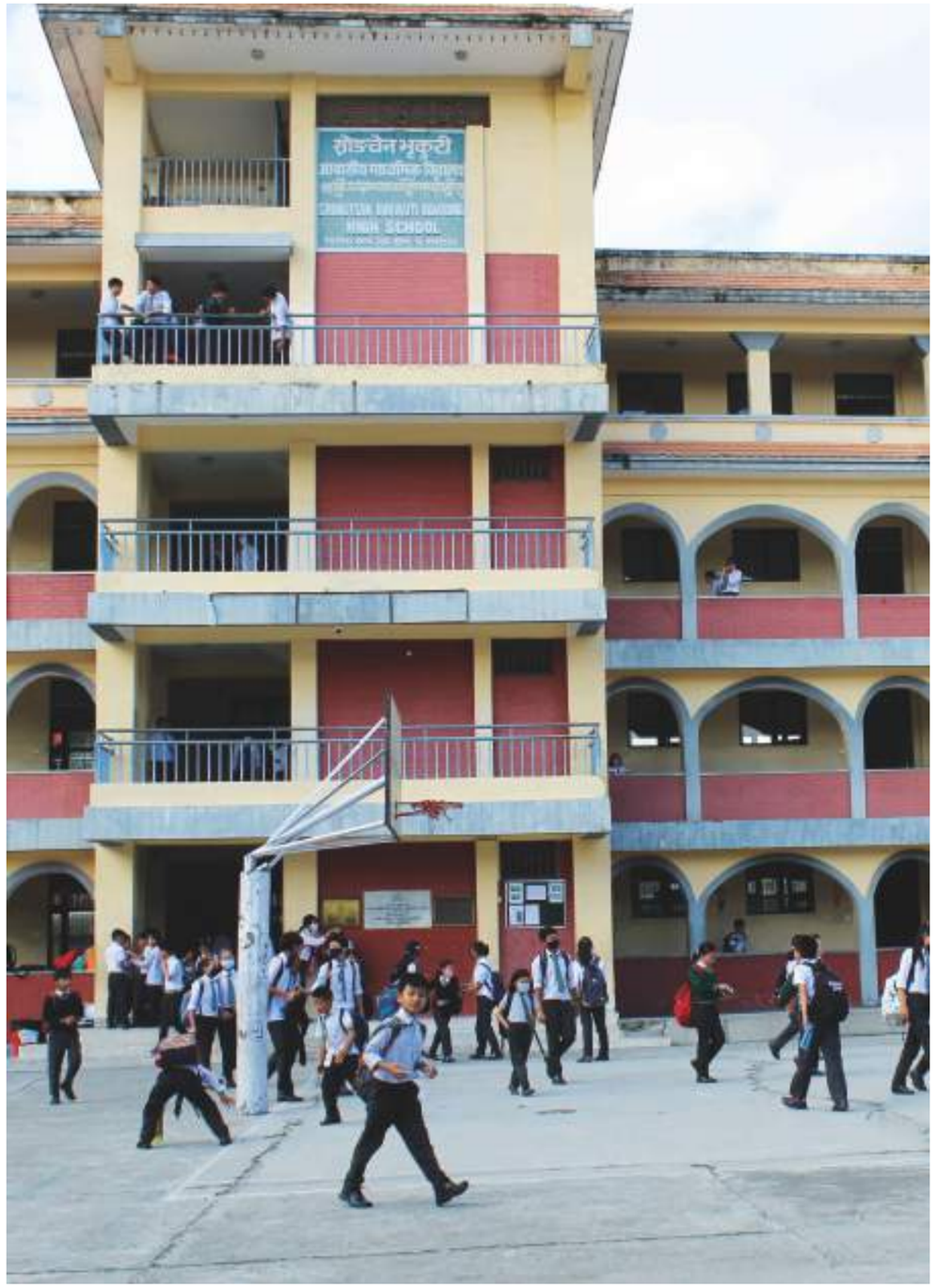
Triten Norbutse Bonpo Monastery – Nepal

Università degli Studi dell'Insubria - Italia

Università degli Studi di Parma CIREA – Italia

## ASIA IS PART OF THE FOLLOWING NETWORKS:

- La Gabbianella, a network coordinating 45 Long Distance Sponsorship associations
- Tavolo della Pace
- Tavolo Nuova cooperazione – City Committee of Rome
- Mountain Partnership






# OUR COMMITMENT


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In 2022 we submitted 26 projects  to public and private donors, of which 11 were approved, 1 is still under evaluation and 14 were rejects. During 2022, three projects submitted to the Italian Prime Minister's Office in 2020 were also approved, one for Nepal, one for Bhutan and one for Myanmar. The projects submitted are divided as follows:

| 2022 | Nepal | Myanmar | Bhutan | Mongolia | Italy | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Approved | 5 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 11 |
| Rejected | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 14 |
| Under evaluation | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Total projects submitted for country | 9 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 26 |
| % Proposals submitted/tot submitted | 35% | 12% | 15% | 4% | 35% | 100% |
| % Proposals approved/tot proposals submitted | 19% | 4% | 12% | 0 | 8% | 42% |
| Amount funded in Euro* | 419.652 | 231.064 | 349.498 | 0 | 83.195 | 1.083.409 |
| % Funded/total funds obtained on 2022 | 39% | 21% | 32% | 0% | 8% | 100% |

* In the amount funded, three projects submitted to the PCDM in 2020 and funded in 2022 have been added for Bhutan, Myanmar and Nepal.

**The main donors approached by ASIA**: Waldensian Church, the Autonomous Province of Bozen, Tides Foundation, AICS (Italian Agency for Cooperation Development), UBI (Italian Buddhist Union); MIUR (Italian Ministry of Education); the Eba Global Fund; Assimoco; Lift; Piano Terra Foundation; the Italian Prime Minister's Office; GIZ; Global Ecosystem-Based Adaptation Fund; EU; Prosolidar; UNDP; the Autonomous Province of Trento.
**Projects in progress in 2022**, in Nepal, Myanmar Bhutan e Italia, numbered 20 in total, of which 12 ended during the year and 8 are still underway for conclusion in 2023 or later.
There follows the subdivision of projects realized in 2022 by country and intervention sector:

| Sectors/Countries | Nepal | Mongolia | Myanmar | Bhutan | Italy | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Education | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 3 |
| Cultural, spiritual and artistic heritage | 1 | | | 2 | | 3 |
| Food security, agricolture and pastoralism | 3 | | 2 | | | 5 |
| Environmental protection and Fight against climate change | 3 | | | | | 3 |
| Emergency | | | | | | 1 |
| Education to Global Citizenship | | | | | 5 | 5 |
| Total | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 20 |

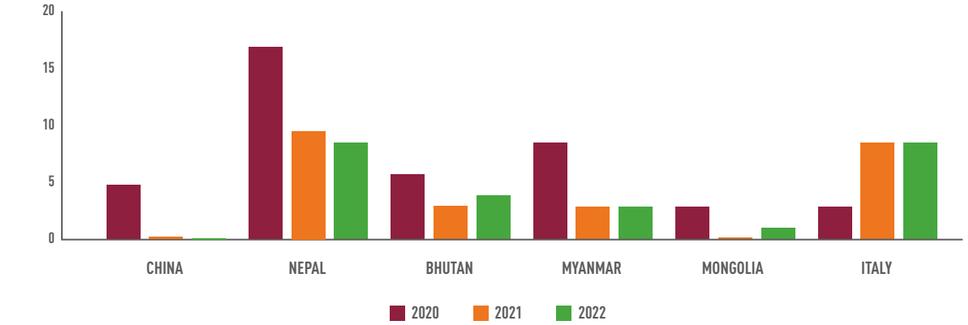
**The main sectors were**: food security, agriculture and pastoralism with 8 projects; ECG with 5 projects, education and cultural heritage protection with 3 projects. **In total during 2022, we reached 37,825 direct beneficiaries and 151,300 indirect beneficiaries** with development, emergency, education to global cizitenship and long distance sponsorship projects.



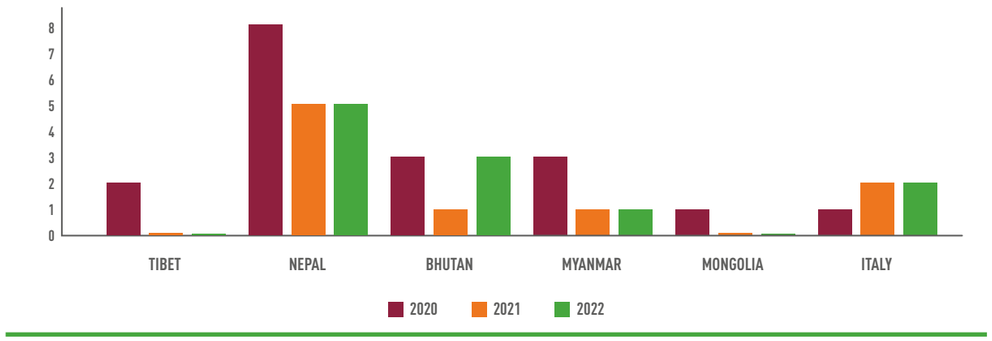


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**SUBMITTED PROJECTS 2020-2022**

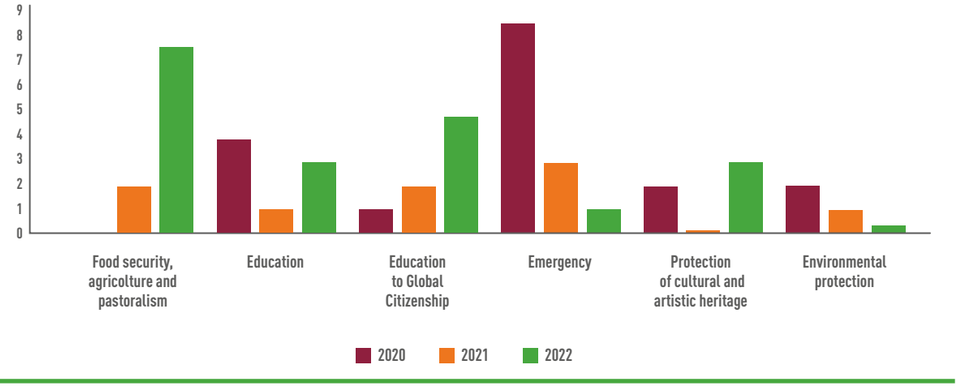



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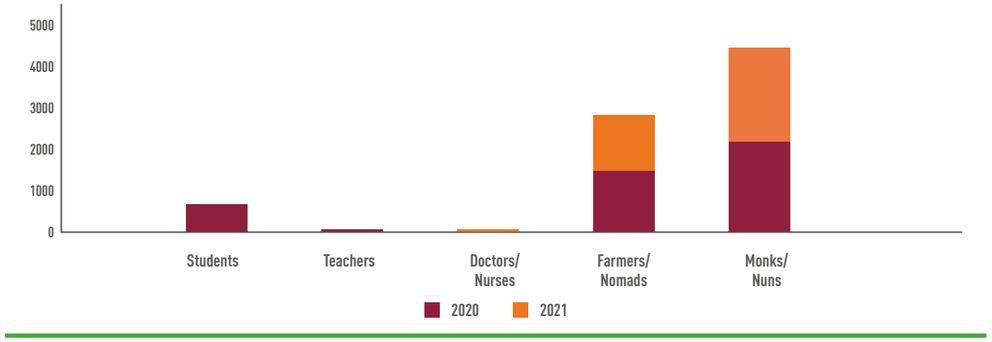




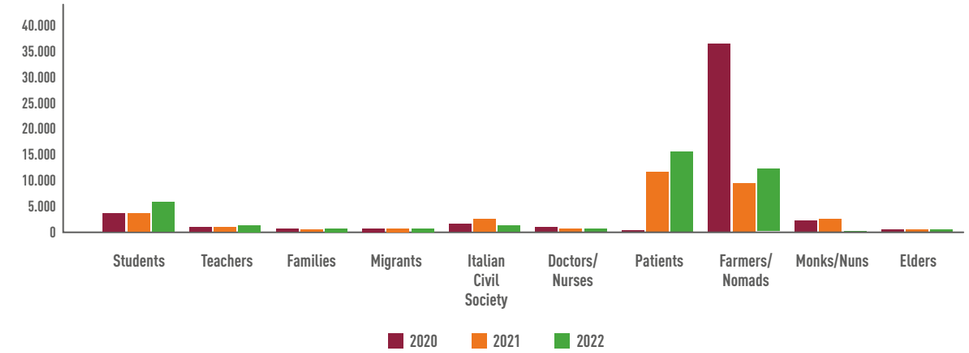
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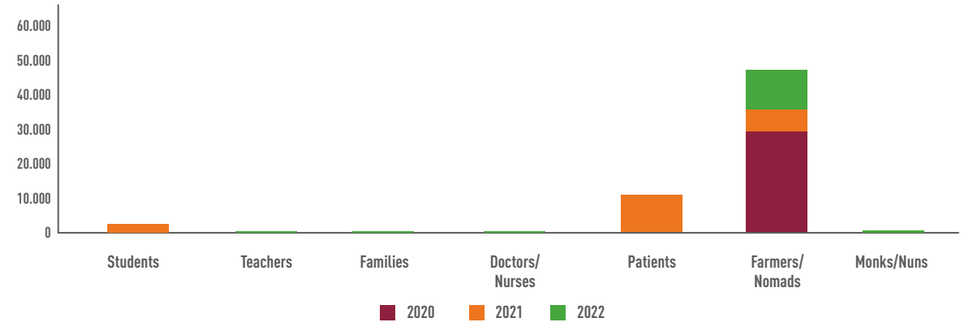

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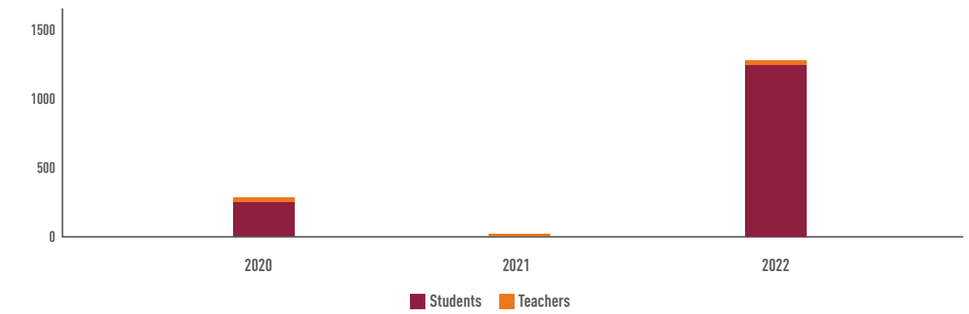

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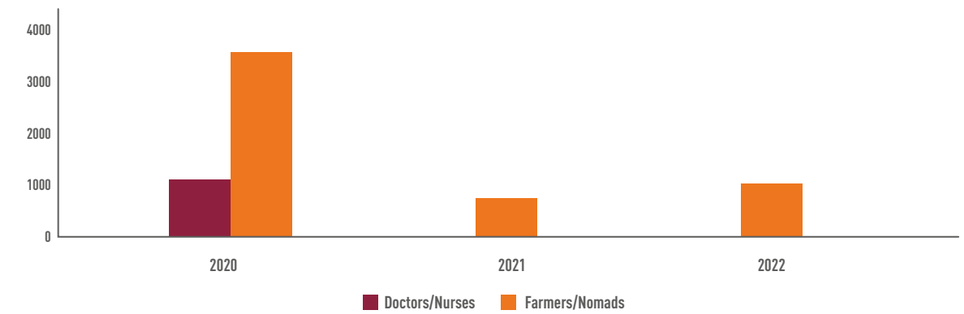

## BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN NEPAL 2020-2022




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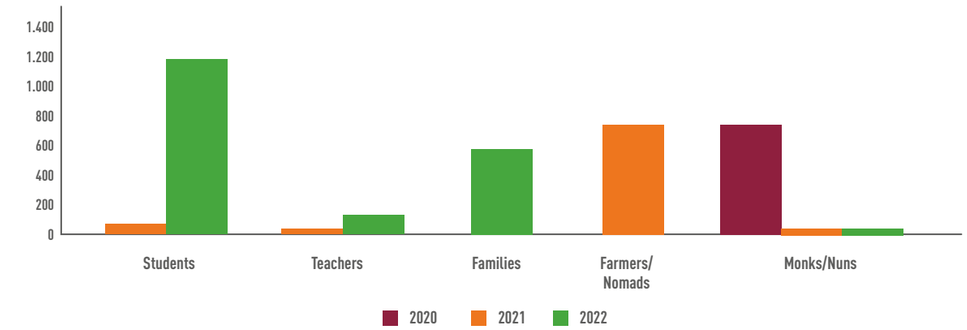



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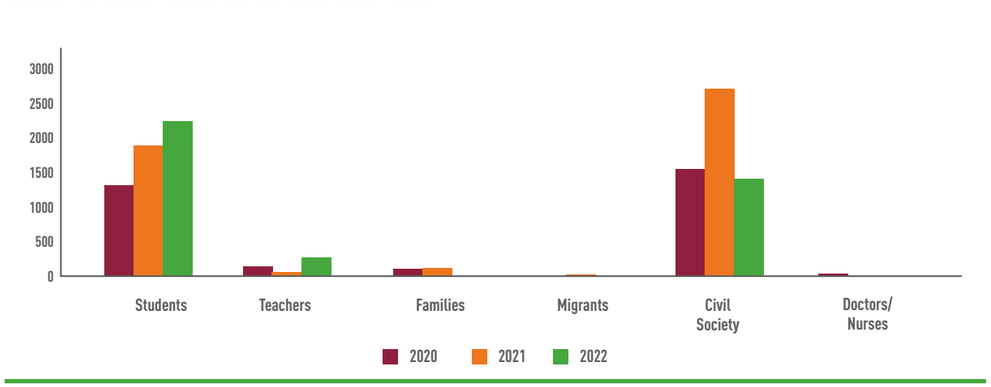




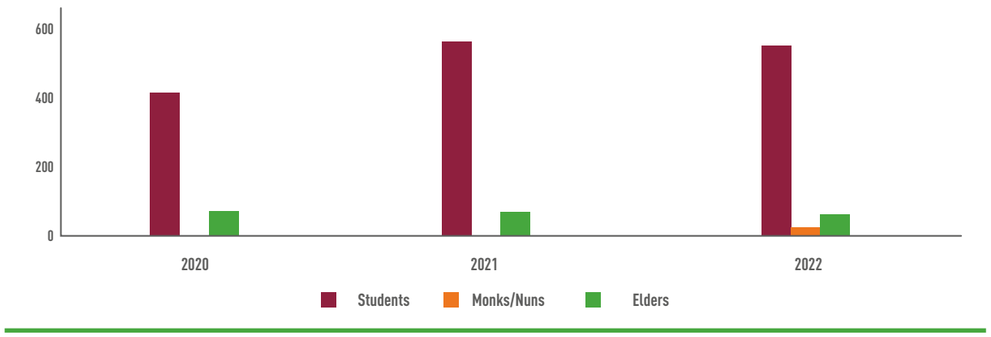
## BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN BHUTAN 2020-2022




## BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN ITALY 2020-2022




## BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN INDIA 2020-2022






Through our projects in 2022 we participated in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development contributing to the realization of the following objectives:

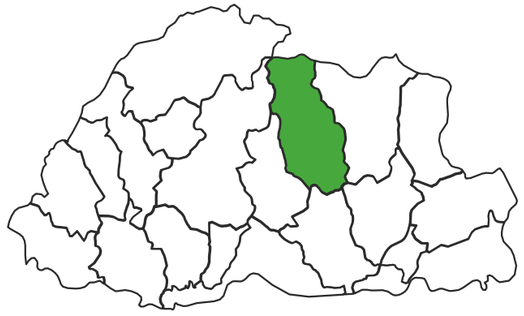


# PROJECTS IN PROGRESS IN 2022



# BHUTAN

During 2022, ASIA has continued to working in Bhutan with projects covering emergency, food security and protection of cultural, artistic and spiritual heritage.
Given the difficulties in obtaining registration to operate in Bhutan, ASIA works and collaborates with a local organisation, Druk Nyo Foundation, which is the main partner. ASIA provides technical, organisational and administrative assistance as well as training courses for the Foundation's local staff.
Due to the restrictions imposed by the local government to prevent the spread of Covid 19, no monitoring missions have been carried out and all projects have been monitored remotely.
Three projects have been implemented in Bhutan in 2022 and four projects have been submitted to donors– of which three were approved.
**ASIA has completed the first phase of a project aimed at the protection of Bhutan's historical, cultural and spiritual heritage**. The project aimed to revive the millenarian tradition of the Sumthrang Monastery by building a cultural centre to preserve and pass on this ancient tradition. In this first phase a three storey, multi purpose building has been built. One floor, measuring almost 70 square meters, with 3 rooms for 4 students each; a second floor, of the same size, with 3 additional rooms for 4 students each and the ground floor with kitchen and canteen. Also, a small building with toilets and showers was built for all the students of the centre. The total area is about 200 square meters. In April 2022, ASIA began the second phase of the project, building a 117-square-metre guesthouse with 2 floors and 6 rooms, and a library building. In 2023, in addition to completing the finishing of the 2 previous buildings, a third building with six classrooms for a total of 172 square meters is planned. The courtyard of 2,500 square meters will then be landscaped and roads, paths and gardens will be built over an area of 1,250 sq m. The courtyard will be used to perform ritual dances and other cultural activities as well as to organise gatherings and festivals for the neighbouring villages. Eventually, basic equipment and furniture for all buildings will be purchased.
Also, in 2022, **a project co-financed by the Autonomous Province of Bolzano for the digitalisation of 2 schools** in the counties of Ura and Gaserling was implemented and concluded, providing 22 digital blackboards and creating a digital web platform to improve the management of teaching in the 2 schools and facilitate exchanges between students, parents and teachers. During the project, 2 teacher trainings were conducted, to provide skills for the use and maintenance of the digital boards as well as for the management of the digital platform. **Among the projects that were submitted to donors, 3 will begin in 2023**. The first, funded by the Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers, is an emergency intervention in Ura County in order to ensure food security for farmers' communities who were severely affected by the consequences of the pandemic and to prevent the spread of the virus. A second project – funded by the Waldensian Church – aims to continue the digitalisation work for schools in remote areas of Bhutan. The third – co-funded by the Autonomous Province of Bolzano – is directed at cultivating marginal land and training 200 women in organic farming activities, as well as providing them with tools and small tractors to facilitate their work.



Ura and Gaserling Counties

## BHUTAN 2022 IN FIGURES

3 projects, 2 completed and 1 ongoing

## SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

Education
Artistic, cultural and spiritual Heritage

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS




## OUR BENEFICIARIES

Direct: 1.361 people
1.231 students
130 teachers
Indirect: 12.000 people

## TOGETHER WITH

Druk Nyo Foundation
Sumthrang Monastery
Gaserling School
Ura School
Education Department in Bhumtang District and in Gaserling and Ura Counties

## FUNDS SPENT

123.688,55



# OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

**22** INTERACTIVE DIGITAL WHITEBOARDS

**1** DIGITAL PLATFORM

**Delivered to schools in rural areas**

**1** BUILDING OF 172 SQ M WITH LIBRARY AND CLASSROOMS

**1** GUESTHOUSE OF 117 SQ M

**60** SQ M OF BATHROOMS AND SHOWERS WITH SOLAR PANELS

**Built in the Sumthrang Monastery**

**100** NUNS TRAINED AND PROVIDED WITH HYGIENE KITS

**In Sumthrang Monastery**

## REVIVAL OF SUMTHRANG MONASTERY'S SPIRITUAL AND CULTURAL TRADITIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF VOCATIONAL TRAININGS TO IMPROVE LOCAL EDUCATION AND JOB SKILLS FOR THE YOUNGER GENERATION

**WHERE:** Bhutan, Ura County, Sumthrang Village
**SECTOR OF INTERVENTION:** Artistic, cultural and spiritual heritage
**TOTAL AMOUNT:** 62.856,00 Euro
**AMOUNT SPENT IN 2022:** 22.460,81 Euro
**DONORS:** Individuals, ASIA and Caritas
**PROGRESS REPORT:** Concluded
**START/CONCLUSION:** From 1st January 2021 to 30th April 2022
**DURATION:** 16 months
**DESCRIPTION:** The project aims at reviving Sumthrang's tradition by building a learning centre designed to preserve and pass on this spiritual tradition as well as to improve local young people's knowledge and skills, offering them solid opportunities to improve their economic and social conditions. The project involves the construction of the following buildings:

- a building with dormitories, an office and a small flat for the teachers;
- a three-storey multi-purpose building. One floor with 3 rooms of almost 70 sq m for 4 students each, a second floor of the same size with 3 rooms for 4 students each and the ground floor with kitchen and canteen, totalling an area of about 200 sq m;





- a library of about 50 sq m;
- a building with 7 classrooms of 20 sq m each, totalling 160 sq m;
- a hostel for teachers and temporary students;
- toilets and showers for 50 students;
- a courtyard to perform ritual dances and other relevant cultural and spiritual activities.

The project is divided in 2 phases – the first to build the multi-purpose building, toilet and shower facility, the second to build the library, classrooms, hostel and courtyard. In 2022, phase one has been implemented and thus the multi-purpose building and the toilet facilities.

**GENERAL OBJECTIVE:** Sumthrang's spiritual and cultural tradition is preserved and passed on to future generations in Bhutan..

**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE:** A spiritual, cultural and vocational centre for nuns, monks and lay people with classrooms, dormitories, kitchen, canteen, toilets and showers for up to 50 students is set up in the village of Sumthrang, and the secular and temporal education activities are successfully launched.

**PROJECT ACTIVITIES:**

**A1.** Establishing a project committee to manage project activities together with the Nyo Foundation, Sumthrang village representatives and ASIA.

**A2.** Building a multi-purpose facility in traditional architectural style, using improved technology to make the building energy efficient. The three-storey facility will be built using local materials such as stone, sand and wood. The wooden parts will be carved in the local Bhutanese style and then painted.

**A3.** Providing equipment and furniture for the building so that it is functional to the educational activities envisaged in the project.

**A4.** Building a toilet and shower facility and equipping it with solar panels for hot water. The facility will be built according to the local architectural tradition, using local materials such as stone and wood, including of running water to allow hand washing and a septic tank to ensure proper waste disposal. Hot water will be ensured through the installation of solar panels.







**A5.** Organising basic hygiene and health trainings for local nuns and distributing basic hygiene kits. The project will select an expert doctor in hygiene and womens' health to implement the training. The training will last 7 days. The project will provide each participant with hygiene kits. Each kit will include soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, hand sanitiser, chlorine, cotton washable tampons.

**A6.** Training Nyo Foundation staff in project management, monitoring and evaluation. ASIA will provide distance and on-the-job training to Nyo Foundation to support the improvement of knowledge and skills.

**A7.** Starting long-distance sponsorship for local nuns. Long-distance sponsorship is an essential tool to ensure that they can receive formal and informal education while respecting, keeping and passing on their cultural identity.

**RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2022:**

- The project management committee was formalised and has been operational throughout the course of the project.
- The building structure has been completed.
- Toilets and showers were completed in 2022.
- The nuns were trained and provided with hygiene kits.
- Nyo Foundation staff were trained and their administrative skills as well as their project management and monitoring skills have improved.
- The long-distance sponsorship project for 10 nuns has started and is still ongoing.

**REACHED BENEFICIARIES:**

The beneficiaries are the 7 teachers and 50 students attending courses in the new learning centre.

The indirect beneficiaries are the 50 students' families, the 7 teachers' families and 190 families in the villages of Beteng-Pangkhar-Sumthrang, Ura-Doshi and Shingkhar.

**PARTNER:** Nyo Foundation

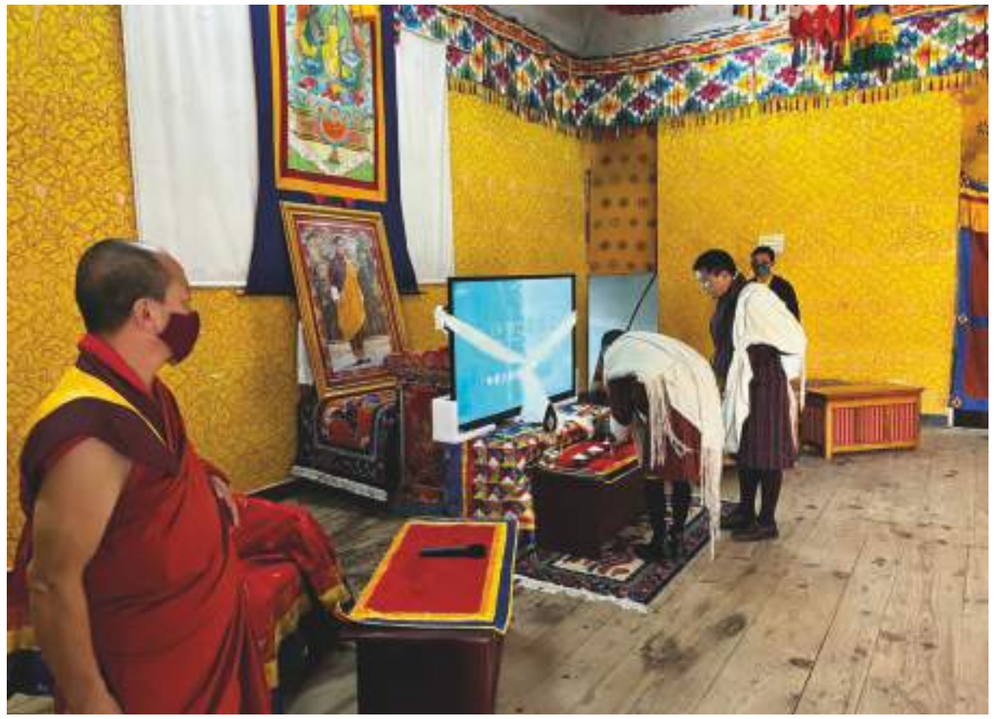


## CREATING INTERACTIVE DIGITAL CLASSROOMS TO SUPPORT THE TRANSITION FROM QUANTITATIVE TO QUALITATIVE EDUCATION IN 2 SCHOOLS IN 2 REMOTE DISTRICTS OF BHUTAN, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS FROM PEASANT FAMILIES

**WHERE:** Bhutan, Bumthang and Dagana Districts, Gaserling and Ura Counties
**SECTOR OF INTERVENTION:** Education
**TOTAL AMOUNT:** 65.594 Euro
**AMOUNT SPENT IN 2022:** 62.032,74 Euro
**DONORS:** Autonomous Province of Bolzano, Bhutan Nyo Foundation, ASIA Private Donors
**PROGRESS REPORT:** Concluded
**START/ CONCLUSION:** 01.01.2022 – 31.12.2022
**DURATION:** 12 months
**DESCRIPTION:** The main objective of the project is to create digital classrooms in 2 schools in order to improve the quality of education rural Bhutan by introducing digital technologies. The main project activities are: the project's logistical and operational organisation, the purchase and distribution of digital whiteboards to the schools, the development of software aimed at managing teaching in schools, as well as teachers and administrative staff's training in the use of the management software and of the digital whiteboards. The project aims at increasing computer literacy and accessibility to online educational programmes by 50% for the students of the 2 beneficiary counties by providing digital whiteboards and creating an online platform to increase digital interaction between teachers, students and parents and by training 71 teachers in the use of the new equipment and platform.
**GENERAL OBJECTIVE:** Computer knowledge and the opportunity to access online educational programmes are increased by 50% in the beneficiary counties within the end of the project.
**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE:**

- 1,167 students in 2 rural districts in Bhutan have access to 18 multimedia interactive whiteboards and increase their knowledge on the use of digital tools and information by 50%.
- A digital teaching and school management platform is developed and is used in 2 schools by the end of the project, increasing digital interaction between teachers, students and parents by 60%.
- 71 teachers are trained in the use of the new tools and digital platform by the end of the project, improving the use of these new multimedia and interactive systems by 100%.

**PROJECT ACTIVITIES:**
**A1.** Supply of 18 multimedia interactive whiteboards.
**A2.** Development of a platform for school management and teaching.
**A3.** Training on the correct use of interactive whiteboards and IT platform for teaching and school management for 71 teachers from the 2 schools.



**RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2022:** The project has been a success and it is the first of its kind in the country, as it supports rural schools in their dream and aspiration to digitalise their teaching and learning activities. The project objectives have been largely achieved, in fact:

- 2 digital whiteboards of 65 inches each were distributed to the 2 schools – 4 more than planned;
- a digital platform was created and its utilisation by the 2 beneficiary schools of the project has significantly improved the administrative and didactic management of the schools, and has facilitated teachers' work as well as relations between schools, students and families;
- more than 150 teachers were trained in the 2 schools – 79 more than planned.

**BENEFICIARIES REACHED:**
**Directly:** 1,167 students (570 males and 595 females) + 24 students with disabilities (14 males and 10 females) + 71 teachers (49 males and 22 females) + 53 school staff (29 males and 24 females)
**Indirectly:** 10,615 people (5246 males 5369 females)
**PARTNER:** Bhutan Nyo Foundation



## REVIVAL OF SUMTHRANG MONASTERY'S SPIRITUAL AND CULTURAL TRADITIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF VOCATIONAL TRAININGS TO IMPROVE LOCAL EDUCATION AND JOB SKILLS FOR THE YOUNGER GENERATION – PHASE 2

**WHERE:** Bhutan, Ura County, Sumthrang Village
**SECTOR OF INTERVENTION:** Artistic, cultural and spiritual heritage
**TOTAL AMOUNT:** 88.373 Euro
**AMOUNT SPENT IN 2022:** 39.195,00 Euro
**DONORS:** Tides Foundation
**PROGRESS REPORT:** Ongoing
**START/CONCLUSION:** dal 25/01/2022 al 25/01/2024
**DURATION:** 24 months
**DESCRIPTION:** This is the second phase of a project completed in 2022 that aims at reviving Sumthrang's tradition by building a learning centre to preserve and pass on this spiritual tradition, but also to improve knowledge and skills of the local youth, offering them solid opportunities to improve their economic and social conditions. Phase 1 of the project has planned and constructed a multi-purpose building for teaching activities, inclusive of toilets and showers; it has provided trainings on hygiene and health – including the distribution of hygiene kits – and trainings for the partner's capacity-building in project management. In the current second phase, a guesthouse, library, classrooms and a courtyard will be built and training for the partner's management capacity building will continue.
**GENERAL OBJECTIVE:** Sumthrang spiritual and cultural tradition has been preserved and passed on to future generations in Bhutan.
**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE:** A spiritual, cultural and vocational centre for nuns, monks and lay people with classrooms, dormitories, kitchen, canteen, toilets and showers for up to 50 students is set up in the village of Sumthrang, and the secular and temporal education activities are successfully launched.





**PROJECT ACTIVITIES:**
**A1.** Establishing a project committee with representatives from the Monastery, Nyo Foundation and ASIA to manage project activities.
**A2.** Building a 117 sq m two-storey guesthouse with 6 rooms equipped with the necessary services and basic furnishins to accommodate scholars, lecturers and visiting guests.
**A3.** Building a facility with a library and classrooms, for a total of 172 square metres, equipped with the necessary basic services and furniture.
**A4.** Building a 2500 sq m courtyard with roads, paths and a 1250 sq m green area.
**A5.** Organisation of training on logical framework, project cycle, budget control and monitoring.
**RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2022:**
- Set-up of project monitoring tools completed.
- Guest house building completed.
- Library building completed.
- Set-up of materials and frames for classroom windows and doors .

**REACHED BENEFICIARIES:**
**Directly:** at least 15 permanent students + at least 50 students attending short courses each year + 5 permanent teachers
**Indirectly:** 500 people (students and teachers' families)
**PARTNER:** Bhutan Nyo Foundation



# MONGOLIA

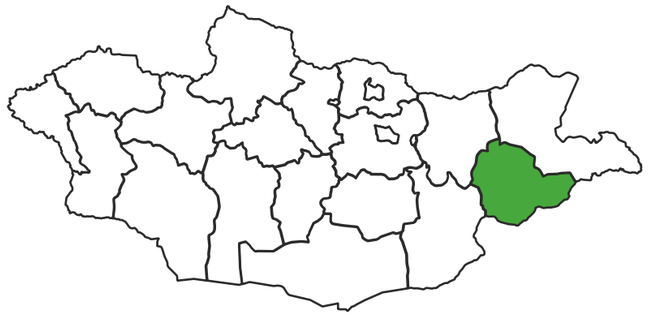
ASIA has been working in Mongolia since 2016 with local and international staff. In recent years, its focus has been on various areas: from mitigating the effects of dzud on the pastoralist sector, to training veterinarians and providing tools for animal health control – the main source of income for nomadic herders – training school staff, renovating schools and dormitories to ensure a decent education for the most vulnerable students, and providing filters to ensure clean water in schools that are located in remote areas of the country.
In 2022, despite a setback due to the COVID-19 pandemic that affected the entire world and totally changed the international context – a period in which ASIA kept its local staff operational – the Organisation has continued to maintain a high level of interest in the country, seeking new sources of funding and drafting new projects for local communities. In particular, thanks to the contribution of the Italian Buddhist Union, a project was launched aiming to bridge the media literacy gap in rural Mongolia with the intention of improving the educational offer in one of the most isolated provinces of Mongolia, as well as providing tools and new skills to the beneficiary population to face the new global challenges. During the year, 2 trainings for teachers on the correct use of computers, basic and complex programmes were organised, 13 smart boards were provided to 13 selected schools and supplies for 4 school libraries were purchased and delivered – all activities that benefit the 1,290 students attending school. ASIA commitment will continue in 2023, with the aim of completing the current project and with new projects in other areas that are not covered by the cooperation.

## OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

**31** TEACHERS TRAINED IN IT LANGUAGE

**13** SMART BOARDS INSTALLED IN 13 SCHOOLS IN THE SUKHBAATAR PROVINCE

**4** LIBRARIES COMPLETE WITH FURNITURE AND BOOKS INSTALLED IN 4 SCHOOLS



Sukhbataar Province

### MONGOLIA 2022 IN FIGURES
1 ongoing project

### SECTORS OF INTERVENTION
Education

### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

### OUR BENEFICIARIES
Directly 1,323 people
1.290 students
13 schools
33 teachers
Indirectly 4,358 people

### TOGETHER WITH
Sukhbataar Provincial Education Department

### FUNDS SPENT
64.967,29



## FROM THE VILLAGE TO THE WORLD – BRIDGING THE MEDIA LITERACY GAP IN RURAL MONGOLIA

**WHERE:** Province: Sukhbaatar
Districts: Baruun Urt, Asgat, Khalzan, Uulbayan, Munkhkhaan, Tumentsogt, Tuvshinshiree, Bayandelger, Ongon, Naran, Dariganga, Erdenetsagaan, Sukhbaatar
**SECTOR OF INTERVENTION:** Education
**TOTAL AMOUNT:** 194.435,36 Euro
**AMOUNT SPENT IN 2022:** 64.967,29 Euro
**DONORS:** Italian Buddhist Union, ASIA
**PROGRESS REPORT:** In corso
**START/CONCLUSION:** 24/02/2022 - 30/06/2023
**DURATION:** 12 + 4 months
**DESCRIPTION:** This project aims to improve teachers and students' IT literacy in the district of Sukhbaatar Province, with the intention of improving the educational offer in one of the most isolated provinces of Mongolia and of providing tools and new skills in order to meet new global challenges. The project aims to train at least 30 teachers from the 13 districts in the province and to provide IT tools for each selected school. In addition, 4 schools have been identified whose libraries will be upgraded. The selected schools are located in the soums of Asgat, Khalzan, Uulbayan and the isolated soum of Dariganga – places of great historical and cultural interest to the Mongolian population.
**GENERAL OBJECTIVE:** Promoting the development of settlements in remote areas of Sukhbaatar Province and reducing migration to the capital.
**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE:** Improving IT skills and internet access for teachers and students in 13 districts of Sukhbaatar province in Mongolia.
**PROJECT ACTIVITIES:**
**A1.1.** Distribution and collection of pre-training questionnaires.





**A1.2.** Delivery of 1st training.
**A1.3.** Delivery of 2nd training.
**A1.4.** Distribution and collection of post-training questionnaires.
**A2.1.** Purchase and installation of 13 smart boards in the 13 soums of Sukhbaatar Province.
**A3.1.** Purchase and installation of supplies for 4 libraries.
**A4.1.** Delivery of 2 training days for students from selected schools.
**A4.2.** Delivery of 1 presentation using skills acquired during training.
**RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2022:**

- 1st training delivered to 31 teachers on the Pyton programming language.
- First part of the 2nd training session for 33 teachers on computer organisation, operating systems, binary logic and data, website creation and design, Google Sites, computer networks, computer security, AI, Adobe Captivate.
- 13 smart boards installed in 13 schools in Sukhbaatar province.
- Purchased and delivered supplies for 4 libraries (furniture and books).

**REACHED BENEFICIARIES:**
**Directly:** 13 schools, 33 teachers
**Indirectly:** 4,358 students
**PARTNER:** Provincial Department of Education and Science



# MYANMAR

Throughout 2022, despite the complexity of the political context in Myanmar since 2021 – due to the coup d'état and the social and economic consequences it has caused – **ASIA has continued to maintain its presence in the country with both international and local staff**, among other things **strengthening its intervention with an additional project for local communities**. The project targets the most vulnerable segments of the population belonging to the Cho minority in Mindat District, where ASIA has been working since 2019, and aims to the food self-sufficiency of the beneficiary population, through the establishment of family gardens, and to start productive activities in agriculture that can provide an **economic integration to family income**. Specifically, 573 agricultural kits were delivered to encourage vegetable production during the rainy and winter seasons, 201 farmers were trained in composting and worm farming techniques, and 433 farmers were trained in the basics of preparing and managing an ecological vegetable garden.

At the same time, ASIA has continued the activities related to the project financed by AICS in 2019, concerning the **sustainable development of the coffee supply chain** in Mindat and Kanpetlet districts – Chin region – despite quite a few armed attacks have occurred during the year in the project areas where ASIA is active. Though, these did not have a major impact on the activities thanks to the local communities' high participation in the project and thanks to the strong collaboration established with all project stakeholders. In 2022, landless households received agricultural kits, 614 farmers were trained on resilient nursery techniques, 614 on Good Agricultural Practices, 619 on Climate Smart Agriculture, 248 on avocado production and sales, 249 on Elephant Foot Yam production and sales and 250 on Stink Bean production and sales. In addition, 138,765 coffee seedlings were delivered to 337 farmers and a market study was conducted.

The monitoring of project activities is continuously ensured through the presence of staff in the field and the use of all possible communication channels, including remote channels in cases where the social and political environment does not allow for the physical presence of staff in the project areas, as well as continuous supervision of ASIA staff in HQ.

**Mindat and Kanpetlet districts**



## MYANMAR 2022 IN FIGURES

**2 ongoing projects**

## SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

**Emergency**

**Food security, agriculture and pastoralism**

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS




## OUR BENEFICIARIES

**Directly: 1,039 people**

**1,039 peasants**

**Indirectly: 5,195 people**

## TOGETHER WITH

**K'Cho Land Development Association - COLDA**

**Progetto Continenti non-profit Association**

## SPENT FUNDS

**262.570,49**



# OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

**10** TRAINING AND PRODUCTION CENTRES CREATED

**607** AGRICULTURAL KITS DELIVERED TO FARMERS

**3.239** TRAINED FARMERS TO IMPROVE PRODUCTS PRODUCTIVITY AND SALES

**138.765** COFFEE SEEDLINGS DELIVERED TO 337 FARMERS

**102** HECTARES OF LAND FOR COFFEE CROPS

## COFFEE: OPTIMISING THE SUPPLY CHAIN AND FOSTERING ASSOCIATED ECONOMIES IN SOUTHERN CHIN STATE (COFFEA - CHIN)

**WHERE:** State: Southern Chin, Districts: Mindat and Kanpetlet
**SECTOR OF INTERVENTION:** Food security, agriculture and pastoralism
**TOTAL AMOUNT:** 1.188.723,68 Euro
**AMOUNT SPENT IN 2022:** 249.775,39 Euro
**DONORS:** AICS, ASIA, Progetto Continenti Onlus
**PROGRESS REPORT:** Ongoing
**START/CONCLUSION:** 15/11/2019 - 14/09/2023
**DURATION:** 46 months
**DESCRIPTION:** The project aims to the coffee supply chain sustainable development in Myanmar, a country where the economic potential of this resource is not fully exploited. The proposal stems from a long collaboration with partners in the field and in Italy, and from several field studies analysing the local context, highlighting its fragility and potential. Despite recent cupping trials in Italy have evaluated natural green coffee from the Chin region as excellent in terms of quality, sales opportunities on the local and international market are still very limited and the families involved in its production are not able to obtain significant earnings.
Moreover, although co-farmers cultivate coffee with a semi-natural approach that enhances its quality and environmental sustainability, they do not use proper processing and preservation techniques, compromising the quality of the final product and causing a continuous loss of forest area in practising itinerant farming. For such reasons, the project intends to increase production and the final product quantity and quality, to boost employment and income opportunities for coffee growers, to strengthen the coffee supply chain and the micro-entrepreneurial activities related to complementary supply chains – non-wood forest products obtained from shade plants – and to aim to a conscious and sustainable use of resources. Strengthened by the involvement of a local partner that has been working in the identified context for years, the 2 Italian partners therefore aim to implement activities that will lead not only to the development of the supply chain but also to the creation of market networks, focussing particularly on disadvantaged categories of beneficiaries, in particular women and young people, and on innovative activities that can fit perfectly into the local context so as to create a sustainable system even once the project is concluded.
**GENERAL OBJECTIVE:** Promoting sustainable rural development by reducing itinerant farming, migration and loss of natural resources – mountain forest – in Southern Chin State.
**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE:** Increasing rural communities' employment opportunities in remote areas of Southern Chin through the strengthening of the coffee supply chain, with a special focus on women and youth, and by fostering constant and profitable access to the local and international market.
**PROJECT ACTIVITIES:**
**A1.** Support to 80 landless families to start agricultural activities.





**A2.** Creation of nurseries of certified Arabica coffee varieties.
**A3.** Study on coffee phytopathological problems.
**A4.** Training on good agricultural practices, post-harvesting and quality control.
**A5.** Building of 20 coffee primary processing centres and one coffee collection and secondary processing centre.
**A6.** Carrying out a sector study on the national and international market for Chin coffee.
**A7.** Organisation of 2 seminars to present the outputs of the market analysis.
**A8.** Organisation of 3 B2B meetings at local, regional and national level.
**A9.** Organisation of 3 promotional events for Chin coffee for the local market.
**A10.** Training of 4 technicians from Mindat district on national market opportunities, marketing and commercialisation.
**A11.** Identification of 3 complementary coffee chains.
**A12.** Training of 250 coffee producers on the production and marketing of agricultural products from chains complementary to coffee.
**A13.** Organisation of 4 events for the presentation and promotion of selected complementary products.

**ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2022:**

- 34 farm kits delivered to 34 landless families.
- 1 study on coffee phytopathological problems carried out.
- 614 farmers trained on resilient nursery techniques, 614 farmers trained on Good Agricultural Practices, 619 farmers trained on Climate Smart Agriculture.
- 8 people trained in post-harvesting and quality control.
- 1 market study conducted.
- 3 farmers' leaders trained in national market opportunities, marketing and sales.
- 248 coffee producers trained on avocado production and sales, 249 coffee producers trained on Elephant Foot Yam production and sales, 250 coffee producers trained on Stink Bean production and sales.
- 138,765 coffee seedlings delivered to 337 farmers to cultivate 102 hectares of land.



**REACHED BENEFICIARIES:**
**Directly:** 619 farmers, 2 technicians from the Department of Agriculture
**Indirectly:** 3,105 people
**PARTNER:** K'Cho Land Development Association – COLDA
Progetto Continenti Onlus



## IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO MAKE A VEGETABLE GARDEN

**WHERE:** Myanmar, Mindat District, Kanpetlet Municipality
**SECTOR OF INTERVENTION:** Food security, agriculture and pastoralism
**TOTAL AMOUNT:** 83.460 Euro
**AMOUNT SPENT IN 2022:** 12.795,10 Euro
**DONORS:** Autonomous Province of Bolzano, ASIA
**PROGRESS REPORT:** Ongoing
**START/CONCLUSION:** 01/02/2022 - 30/04/2023
**DURATION:** 12 months + 4 months extension
**DESCRIPTION:** The initiative aims to improve the Cho minority communities' abilities – people living in the marginal and high-poverty lands of Southern Chin State – to obtain food in sufficient quantity and quality for proper nutrition and to start productive activities in agriculture that can provide an economic integration to family income. The aim is therefore to ensure that these most vulnerable sections of the population have a constant source of fresh food with the best nutritional qualities, as well as to launch a 'pilot' model that can also be applied to other communities within the area, thanks to the cooperation with the DoA and the MoHS district office. The concept of 'family gardens' encompasses generally low-cost and rapidly implemented production systems that enable the continuous production of food on land close to homes. In food security programmes, they offer an effective means of protecting the most vulnerable considering the rapid results that can be achieved in the first few months. Vegetable gardens make it possible to incorporate 'knowledge and taste' of traditional peasantry into agronomic techniques, not by introducing external food habits – hence new dependencies – but, on the contrary, by enhancing the environment and the resources it offers for environmental sustainability and the production of healthy food for personal, family and community consumption. Small businesses can use part of the vegetables and fruit for processing into products of greater commercial value, helping to strengthen the social fabric of the community. The project will be implemented in the 10 villages in Southern Chin having the highest rates of poverty and malnutrition. This will create a network of vegetable gardens managed by farming families and assisted by project agronomists, together with the supply of good quality seeds and cuttings. Inputs will be produced in nurseries that will also function as Training and Production Centres.
**GENERAL OBJECTIVE:** Improving nutritional status and decreasing poverty rate in Chin State by 3% within 5 years of the end of the project.
**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE:** Spreading sustainable agricultural practices and diversifying agricultural production in Mindat District – focussing on women – by the end of the project.









**PROJECT ACTIVITIES:**

**Activity 1:** Organisation of 10 Training and Production Centres (TPCs)

**A1.1** Selection of plots where the 10 TPCs are to be established. The activity is carried out in coordination with the DoA and the Beneficiaries.

**A1.2** Layout and work for the establishment of TPCs.

**A1.3** Purchase of high-nutrient genetic material for propagation.

**Activity 2:** Organisation of training and technical assistance

**A2.1** Pre-class activities – coordination with DoA and selection of beneficiaries.

**A2.3** Preparation of teaching materials.

**A2.4** Delivery of Module 1 Training: Fundamentals of preparing and managing an ecological garden.

**A2.5** Delivery of Module 2 Training: Basic concepts of nutrition and food hygiene.

**A2.6** Delivery of Module 3 Training: Composting Techniques and Worm Farming.

**A2.7** Delivery of Module 4 Training: Food Preservation and Processing Techniques.

**A2.8** Module Evaluation.

**Activity 3:** Organisation of a network of family gardens

**A3.1** Selection of land for the location of family gardens – project technicians, DoA, beneficiaries.

**A3.2** Evaluation of complementary production support activities.

**A3.3** Start of the First cycle of multiplication of high-nutrient genetic material..





**ACHIEVED RESULTS IN 2022:**

- 10 TPCs created.
- 420 selected beneficiaries.
- 226 agricultural kits delivered for vegetable production during the rainy season.
- 347 agricultural kits delivered for vegetable production during the winter season.
- 433 farmers trained in the basics of preparing and managing an ecological garden.
- 201 farmers trained in composting and worm farming techniques.

**REACHED BENEFICIARIES :**

**Directly:** 420 farmers (349 men, 71 women)

**Indirectly:** 2,100 people



# NEPAL

In Nepal, most activities are aimed at ensuring food security and developing agricultural and agroforestry activities in mountainous areas, fostering the resilience and adaptation of agricultural systems to climate change, a phenomenon the country is highly exposed.

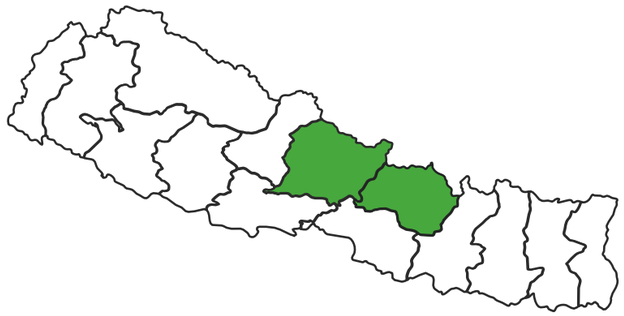
In 2022, ASIA focussed on **training farmers, particularly women**, by organising courses and providing the necessary equipment. Some storage, preservation and marketing facilities for agricultural products were set up. The value chain of vegetables, spices and seeds was strengthened by setting up a seed bank and 2 community enterprises. The Organisation also trained farmers in nursery establishment and management.

An important part of the work carried out in this country was the **creation of innovative, low cost irrigation systems**, of rainwater collection tanks to promote sustainable irrigation during the long dry season, and the organisation of hygiene, prevention and health education campaigns.

In order to protect the environment and at the same time to create new income opportunities, ASIA has planted more than **165,000 trees**. Of these, most are coffee and fruit trees – whose produce is sold in local markets – and forest species – whose foliage is used as animal fodder. The beneficiary farmers have also received training to create income opportunities and to strengthen the Nepali coffee value chain, and coffee processing centres with related machinery have been established. At the same time, activities were carried out to promote non-timber forest product supply chains in Langtang Park, with the establishment of nurseries, beekeeping and mushroom farming activities. All this involved more than 60% women.

At the Dupcheshwori school in the Rasuwa district, built by ASIA after the 2015 earthquake, ASIA set up **a canteen for students and teachers**, supported by a school garden that produces organic vegetables; awareness campaigns on hygiene, prevention, health education and school attendance were also organised.

Lastly, in addition to carrying out an intervention to protect Tibetan culture, ASIA is implementing the second phase of the **Bönpo traditional medicine school** in Kathmandu, which includes building a canteen for the school students.



**Kathmandu and the Districts of Rasuwa, Nuwakot, Tanahu and Lamjung, Kavrepalanchock, Sindhupalchockk**

## NEPAL 2022 IN FIGURES

**7 projects implemented in 2022, 6 of which were completed and 1 ending in 2023**

## SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

**Environmental Protection and Fight against Climate Change**
**WASH**
**Food security, Agriculture and Pastoralism**
**Education**
**Protection of the artistic, cultural and spiritual heritage**

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS




## OUR BENEFICIARIES

**Directly 12,433 people**
**198 students**
**12 teachers**
**210 families**
**11.669 farmers**
**545 people from Italian Civil Society**
**Indirectly 49,732 people**

## TOGETHER WITH

- **Nepal Agroforestry Foundation**
- **Trentino Forestry Association**
- **DAFNE (University of Tuscia)**
- **Associazione Apicoltori Trentini**
- **Support Activities for Poor Producers Nepal**
- **Beautiful Coffee Nepal**
- **CEAPRED**
- **PIN s.r.l. (Arco)**
- **Trentino for Tibet**
- **Triten Norbutse Institution**

## SPENT FUNDS

**559.206,34**



# OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

**42** TRAINING COURSES FOR **4.118** FARMERS (60% OF WHOM ARE WOMEN)

to improve organic farming yields,
to learn beekeeping, mushroom farming,
seed production and marketing techniques,
and to know their rights

**17** RAINWATER COLLECTION TANKS
to irrigate crops during the dry season

**1** COMMUNITY SEED BANK
established to preserve local biodiversity
and produce quality seeds

**2** SOCIAL ENTERPRISES
established to improve seeds
and spices value chain

**1** SCHOOL CANTEEN
built and equipped



**20** TRAINING COURSES FOR **250** FAMILIES

on nutrition
and good hygiene practices

**1** SCHOOL GARDEN
built and equipped with a
rainwater collection tank
and beehives for honey
production

**24.685** TEXT MESSAGES AND
180 RADIO MESSAGES ON
THE IMPORTANCE
OF EDUCATION
sent and broadcasted to
the Naukunda community

**165.000** COFFEE AND FRUIT
PLANTS
planted and geolocated



## ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION AND PROMOTION OF NON-TIMBER FOREST PRODUCT SUPPLY CHAINS IN THE LANGTANG PARK - REALIZED BY ASIA TRENTO



**WHERE:** Rasuwa District, Naukunda and Kalika Rural Municipalities, Langtang National Park
**SECTORS OF INTERVENTION:** Food Security, Agriculture and Pastoralism; Environmental Protection and Fight against Climate Change
**TOTAL AMOUNT:** 244.135,59 Euro
**AMOUNT SPENT IN 2022:** 39.509,65 Euro
**DONORS:** Autonomous Province of Trento, ASIA Trento
**PROGRESS REPORT:** Concluded
**START/CONCLUSION :** 01/04/2019 - 31/12/2022
**DURATION:** 45 months
**DESCRIPTION:** The project addresses the problem of poor access to land and the lack of sustainable and appropriate natural resource use patterns to ensure a decent standard of living for communities in the buffer zones of Langtang Park. Marginal lands, areas subjected to intense exploitation in previous decades, with low fertility and high propensity to desertification, are widespread in these areas. The loss of productive activities and incomes are only the second among the risks posed by the increase in marginal areas; the first is the cancellation of all the eco-system services that mountain basins perform by preserving hydrological balances, biodiversity, and controlling rainwater flows, reducing the risk of floods and landslides on the inhabited valley floors.
In recent years, the phenomenon of economic migration from rural areas to the Persian Gulf countries has become highly prevalent: for more than 10 years, and particularly in the aftermath of the 2015 earthquake, a large proportion of men from rural areas have left in search of their fortune abroad (around 35%). The women stay at home to look after the children, to cultivate the fields and to bread animals as well as to pay off the debts incurred to pay for their husband's journey. In Nepal, women are subordinate to men, both in social and economic positions. In rural areas, the status of women remains anchored to the past and to a patriarchal society that denies women the right to land, health, education and upbringing.
**GENERAL OBJECTIVE:** Improving conditions for women and their families through income opportunities related to environmental conservation and the promotion of non-timber forest product supply chains in the Langtang Park in Nepal..
**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:**

- Promoting the improvement of women's status and women social and economic development in the rural areas of Rasuwa district.
- Disseminating highly adaptive and climate-resilient natural resource use patterns, recovering marginal lands after decades of overexploitation and restoring their productive capacities and the eco-system services they provide.
- Reducing illicit and unsustainable forms of exploitation of timber and non-timber forest products within the park, encouraging management models that have a low environmental impact and are capable of generating income for families in buffer zones and eco-system services that are useful to local and valley-floor communities.
- Promoting the Langtang Park rewilding, through the reintroduction of native species in buffer zones; the gradual dissemination of native species also within the Park; the control of the expansion of forest alien species and the restoration of habitats for endangered fauna (Hemitragus jemlahicus, Ailurus fulgens, Gallinago nemoricola are







the main IUCN endangered species living in the Park).

**PROJECT ACTIVITIES:**

**A1.** Identification of women-led households in conditions of greater economic hardship.
**A2.** Organisation and implementation of a training by the Nepalese partner to strengthen women's knowledge on the right to citizenship, right to education, right to land.
**A3.** Organisation and implementation of training for 2 groups of women who will manage the nurseries, on greenhouse management, plant production, and sales promotion.
**A4.** Identification of two 500 sqm plots of land with good lay out, laid out flat, and with availability of fertile soil.
**A5.** Initial tillage, seedbed preparation.
**A6.** Building of greenhouses with polyethylene sheets.
**A7.** Building of 2 drip irrigation systems.
**A8.** Supply of material for the start-up of the 2 nurseries, seeds, phytocells, tillage material, plant care equipment.
**A9.** Development of an agreement with 3 'Forest Users Groups'; definition of a re-forestation campaign with the park; protective and productive rewildering activities on 3 cores of 5 hectares each, totalling 15 hectares..
**A10.** Selection of 60 beekeeping families or those interested in beekeeping; training of the 60 beekeepers; provision of hives to the 60 beekeepers; provision of individual beekeeping-specific safety equipment.
**A11.** Selection of 12 families interested in producing edible saprophytic mushrooms for sale; training of 12 families interested in mushroom cultivation; construction of 12 mushroom greenhouses; supply of material for propagating edible saprophytic mushrooms.
**A12.** Identification of 60 families of farmers and breeders; definition of the training course content; training of 60 families on animal nutrition and frac trees; supply of 250 fodder forest plants to the 60 families.

**In Italy:**

**A13.** Conference on women's status in Nepal and the evolution of women's rights in the Rasuwa district.
**A14.** University seminar on socio-environmental issues related to the project; evening event with the theme of beekeeping and agriculture.
**A15.** Scientific workshop for dissemination of results.
**A16.** Interactive photo exhibition with photos of project activities, stories and videos of the Nepalese women beneficiaries of the project.
**A17.** Dendronatura magazine publication.

**RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2022:**

- 5 trainings were carried out to strengthen the knowledge of the project beneficiaries on their rights to citizenship, education and land.
- 6 trainings carried out for women's groups managing agroforestry nurseries .
- 2 trainings carried out on financial literacy .
- 12 rainwater harvesting cisterns built.
- 4 agroforestry nurseries supplied with nursery starting materials.
- Training organised for mushroom farmers.
- Training sessions were held for project beekeepers by an apiary expert from the partner Associazione Apicoltori Trentini.
- GIS training sessions carried out for Langtang National Park staff by a forestry expert from the partner Forestry Association of Trentino.

**REACHED BENEFICIARIES:**

**Directly:** 65 women, 30 farmers, 60 families of beekeepers and 60 families of breeders, 12 families of mushroom farmers, Langtang National Park staff, a total of 510 people. In Italy: about 450 people from the Trento community.
**Indirectly:** 2.780 people
**PARTNER:** ASIA, Nepal Agroforesty Foundation, Associazione Apicoltori Trentini, Trentino Forestry Association, Trentino for Tibet



## SPEED FOR LIFE – IMPROVING 'SPICES AND SEEDS' VALUE CHAINS FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN NEPAL, FOSTERING WOMEN AND YOUTH'S EMPOWERMENT

**WHERE:** Central Region, Kavrepalanchock District: Rural Municipalities of Dhulikhel, Namobuddha and Temal. Sindhupalchock District: Rural Municipalities of Helambu and Melamchi
**SECTORS OF INTERVENTION:** Food Security, Agriculture and Pastoralism
**TOTAL AMOUNT:** 789.738,84 Euro
**AMOUNT SPENT IN 2022:** 182.469,82 Euro
**DONORS:** AICS, ASIA, DAFNE University of Tuscia, PIN s.c.r.l.
**PROGRESS REPORT:** Concluded
**START/CONCLUSION :** 01/11/2019 - 31/05/2022
**DURATION:** 24 + 7 months extension
**DESCRIPTION:** The project was designed starting from the needs of the beneficiary populations in the Kavre and Sindhupalchok districts, where there are problems with quality seed production, poor knowledge of sales channels and methods, and production techniques. The migration of many men to foreign countries in search of work has left a void in family and business management; special attention will be given to the role of women in business management, ensuring full and effective participation and equal leadership opportunities at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life. Local and governmental authorities will be supported in the construction of agricultural strategies in the area and to strengthen popular participation in local policies.
The involvement of the Department of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences of the University of Tuscia will bring added value in the introduction of new techniques and technologies for the production and conservation of quality seeds and in the construction of a seed bank to safeguard the genetic heritage of local varieties.
The beneficiaries will receive support from marketing experts from the University




Campus in Prato in the preparation of business plans that are useful to sell agricultural products that will guarantee self-sustainability over time and a study of the value chain of the selected products that will help create a sustainable marketing system.
Local partner CEAPRED is responsible for the activity co-ordination and management; the involvement of local authorities in project activities, ensuring ownership of the development process.
In the long run, the beneficiary farmers and peasants, through increased agricultural production and, consequently, income, will be able to provide for their families and will be able to benefit from basic services, contributing to the development of the welfare system.
**GENERAL OBJECTIVE:** Improving the living conditions of small-scale farmers by increasing agricultural production and marketing of high-value vegetables and seeds in the central region of Nepal.
**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:**

- Promoting women and young people's empowerment in the Kavrepalanchok and Sindhupalchok districts through the introduction of improved technologies to increase the production of quality seeds and spices.
- Strengthening the system of harvesting, sorting, packaging and sales of seeds, vegetables and spices through community social enterprises (60% women) created by improving the governance process of local authorities in the 2 selected districts.

**PROJECT ACTIVITIES:**
**A1.** Identification and participatory selection of potential seed species and areas for seed production of local varieties.
**A2.** Strengthening farmers' skills for commercial seed production.
**A3.** Strengthening farmers' skills for the commercial production of spices.
**A4.** Dissemination of Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) for the use of Pesticides in Agriculture (synthetic and natural).
**A5.** Creation of a seed bank.
**A6.** Creation of 2 social enterprises for sales and equipping the premises needed for the 2 enterprises.







**A7.** Capacity building for EU social enterprises.
**A8.** Participatory planning and meetings with Rural Municipalities and Agriculture Knowledge Centre.
**A9.** Mobilisation and empowerment of Community Resources Persons.
**A10.** Strengthening of weekly markets for the sale of seeds and vegetables.
**A11.** Study of the spice and seed value chain for at least 7 seed varieties and 3 spice varieties.
**A12.** Development of a business plan for the sale of processed and semi processed seeds and spicese.
**A13.** Distribution of agricultural bulletins via FM Radio and SMS.

**RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2022:**

- 3.508 farmers (2,168 women) trained on improved agricultural techniques for seed and vegetable production.
- More than 85% of the target groups (61.8% women) adopt improved agricultural practices for seed production (water smart technology, climate smart technology, soil smart technology).
- 1 seed bank, equipped with a laboratory, established in Namobuddha municipality and 5 seed collection units operated by 10 cooperatives.
- Establishment of 1 social enterprise in Melamchi for spices and 1 social enterprise in Teemal for seeds.
- 13 members (4 women - 30%) of 10 cooperatives, 2 social enterprises and 1 seed bank trained on business and financial management.
- 2 pre-commercial agreements signed with 2 companies (Order now and Kheti).



- 5 municipalities supported in the preparation of the agricultural development plan to increase the production and sales of high-value vegetables and seeds (total 52 municipality representatives).
- 270 representatives of the 5 rural municipalities participated in 5 project coordination meetings.
- 1 seed bank and 1 social enterprise supported by local governments.
- 10 Community Resources Persons selected and trained to provide beneficiaries with technical, extension and logistical support.
- Only 1 weekly market is operational in 1 municipality.
- 2 private companies (Life seed Udhyog for seeds and Kavre Agriculture Market Multipurpose Pvt. Ltd for spices) selected and 2 sales contracts concluded for national sales.
- 500 selected farmers received text messages about market prices, weather forecasts and technical messages. All 3,508 were informed by radio.

**REACHED BENEFICIARIES:**
**Directly:** 3,508 beneficiaries (out of 3,500 planned): 663 are from Teemal municipality, 670 from Dhulikhel, 788 from Namobuddha in Kavre district. In Sindhupalchok district, 702 beneficiaries were selected in Melamchi and 686 in Helambu. Of the total beneficiaries 2,168 are women (about 62%) and the average age of the beneficiaries is 41.
**Young people 20-39 years old:** 1.579 beneficiaries
**Adults 40-54 years:** 1.403 beneficiaries
**Over 54 and Under 20:** 526 beneficiaries
**Indirectly:** 15.960 farmers – family members of the beneficiaries involved
**PARTNER:** ASIA, CEAPRED, DAFNE (University of Tuscia), PIN s.r.l. (Arco)





## ‘BECOMING ‘AMCHI’: A SCHOOL OF TRADITIONAL TIBETAN MEDICINE IN NEPAL AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUTH AND POPULATION OF THE HIMALAYAN AREA’. SECOND STAGE: BUILDING A CANTEEN, A KITCHEN AND A WAREHOUSE

**WHERE:** Kathmandu Valley
**SECTORS OF INTERVENTION:** Protection of the artistic, cultural and spiritual heritage
**TOTAL AMOUNT:** 230.380,77 Euro
**AMOUNT SPENT IN 2022:** 42.282,71 Euro
**DONORS:** Tides Foundation, private donors, Triten Norbutse Institution and ASIA
**PROGRESS REPORT:** Ongoing
**START/CONCLUSION:** 01/09/2020 - 30/04/2023
**DURATION:** 32 months
**DESCRIPTION:** This project is carried out in cooperation with the Triten Norbutse Institution, the one and only institution legally registered in Nepal for the purpose of keeping the traditional methods of Tibetan medicine alive. Traditional Tibetan medicine has proven to be an excellent medicine without side effects, effective for many types of illnesses including influenza and viruses such as COVID-19. It is also a type of medicine that is accessible to the poorer sections of the population in Nepal. The ancient Tibetan medicine is rooted in the Bön culture, which predates the arrival of Buddhism in Tibet and Nepal by several centuries. It is a comprehensive traditional medical system based on complex diagnoses and relying on recognised textual sources. After the diagnosis, the Tibetan doctor (Amchi) recommends to abandon harmful behaviours and recommends healthy and suitable food for the patient. Remedies are mainly composed of medicinal plants with healing properties and minerals, while body therapies include acupuncture and moxibustion.
The medical school in Kathmandu is the first outside Tibet to teach the entire Bon Bumshi medical system, and in this way it will maintain and preserve this unique medical tradition. The training programme is open to anyone interested in becoming an Amchi doctor, especially young Tibetans in exile and young Nepalese who share an interest in Tibetan culture and the healing arts. The school aims to offer these young people a professional perspective and in the medium term will contribute to improving health services for the population in the remote mountainous regions of Nepal, in particular the districts of Dhorpatan, Dolpo and Mustang. The study plan is initially aimed at young people in these areas, where educational provision is totally lacking. Here the population has a Tibetan background and the cultural and spiritual tradition of Yungdrung Bon is still alive.
The ‘Becoming Amchi’ project was developed with the aim of supporting the Himalayan population with little or no access to health facilities and to keep alive very effective traditional methods and medicines to treat and prevent various types of diseases.
The project is divided into three phases:
**1.** the first – building a dormitory, consisting of a floor for girls and a floor for boys;
**2.** the second, now underway – building a canteen, with a kitchen and refectory;
**3.** the third, which will begin upon completion of the canteen building – building a library and classrooms for students at the traditional medical school..





**GENERAL OBJECTIVE:** Improving primary health care in remote areas of Nepal through the establishment of a traditional medicine school and the training of qualified traditional Himalayan doctors.
**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:**

- Creating learning opportunities by building facilities for traditional medical education and capacity building for students and traditional doctors in the Himalayan region.
- Enabling the poorest segment of the population in rural Nepal to have access to adequate care.
- Preserving traditional Tibetan culture and intercultural exchange between Western and traditional medicine.

**PROJECT ACTIVITIES:**
**A1.** Formalisation of the project design and estimates with local authorities.
**A2.** Selection of tenders and contractors.
**A3.** Building the facility.
**A4.** Structural approval of the government during and after completion of the building.
**A5.** Delivery of the building.
**A6.** Workshop promoting traditional Tibetan medicine.
**ACHIEVED RESULTS IN 2022:** In 2022, the canteen building design was finalised and formalised, a construction company was contracted, work began and was completed by April 2023.
**REACHED BENEFICIARIES:**
**Directly:** 32 students and teachers’ families of the traditional medical school, totalling about 150 people.
**Indirectly:** about 6,250 people from the communities of Swayambhunath in Kathmandu and Lapsephedi and the rural populations of Humla, Dolpo, Mustang and Solukhumbu.
**PARTNER:** Triten Norbutse Institution



## MENSANA: CHILDREN ARE GUARANTEED PROPER NUTRITION IN DUPCHESHWORI SCHOOL, NEPAL




**WHERE:** Rasuwa District, Naukunda Rural Municipality, Saramthali Village
**SECTORS OF INTERVENTION:** Education; Food security, agriculture and pastoralism
**TOTAL AMOUNT:** 102.104,00 Euro
**AMOUNT SPENT IN 2022:** 87.736,96 Euro
**DONORS:** Autonomous Province of Bolzano: contribution granted 60,153.00 euros; ASIA
**PROGRESS REPORT:** Concluded
**START/ CONCLUSION:** 01/01/2021 - 31/12/2022
**DURATION:** 24 months
**DESCRIPTION:** The project addresses the problem of malnutrition and food insecurity in the rural municipality of Naukunda, in the Rasuwa district, where parents have difficulty feeding their children and even sending them to school. Poverty and food insecurity are rampant in the rural municipality of Naukunda, due to high food prices and a series of natural disasters that have destroyed farmers' crops. Vulnerable families are forced to skip meals or sell valuable goods to buy food. Although Nepal is an agricultural nation, there are poor farmers living below the poverty line. They do not have sufficient finance or resources to adapt to climate change. This is a very serious problem in an agrarian nation that is at the same time one of the most vulnerable countries to the effects of climate change that severely impact these delicate ecosystems.
Raising a child in a poor rural village in Nepal involves many challenges. Every day, children walk for an hour crossing streams to go to school. For the children who make the long journey from small villages, schools are not just buildings, but also places that can help them make their hopes and dreams come true. For children, regular school meals mean getting nutritious meals and staying in school.
The project aims to improve the nutritional conditions of the 250 children of the Dupcheswori school in the Rasuwa district by building and equipping a canteen to ensure at least one meal during school hours and reduce the risk of malnutrition. Nutritional education and training in basic hygiene practices will be carried out in the school in the presence of the children and their mothers. The implementation of a school garden will have the dual value of educating children about agricultural work and the importance of nutritious food as well as sustaining the canteen provision over time. An awareness-raising campaign on proper nutrition, the practice of basic hygiene and the importance of education and school attendance will help limit the damage caused by the conditions of poverty, hunger and malnutrition in the Rasuwa area.
**GENERAL OBJECTIVE:** Reducing hunger, malnutrition and poverty and improving the quality of education among the poorest families in the Rasuwa district of Nepal.
**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:**

- Improving the nutritional status of the 250 students in Dupcheswori school in the rural municipality of Naukunda.
- Increasing schooling rate in the Dupcheswori school.

**PROJECT ACTIVITIES:**
**A1.** Building and furnishing of the canteen.
**A2.** Provision of food for 12 months..
**A3.** Training on canteen maintenance and sustainability.
**A4.** Implementation of a school garden.
**A5.** Creation of a school garden management committee.
**A6.** Nutrition training for parents and students.
**A7.** Training in good hygiene practices.
**A8.** Creation of a committee to monitor proper nutrition and hygiene.
**A9.** Nutrition and hygiene awareness campaign.
**A10.** School regularity awareness campaign.
**RESULTS ACHIEVED in 2022:** In 2022, the Dupcheshwori school canteen was built and equipped, a school garden was created, equipped with a rainwater collection tank and beehives for honey production.
7 training courses on nutrition and 13 on good hygiene practices were conducted for school students' mothers.
In addition, 24,685 text messages were sent to parents in the rural municipality of Naukunda and 180 radio programmes were broadcast to raise awareness on the importance of education for children.
**REACHED BENEFICIARIES :**
**Directly:** 4.822 beneficiaries
**Indirectly:** about 11,500 people from the rural municipality of Naukunda
**PARTNER:** Nepal Agroforestry Foundation



## TREE IN A CUP: A FORESTRY PROJECT TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN A NEPALESE RURAL AREA THROUGH COFFEE PLANTS, FRUIT SPECIES AND MULTIPURPOSE TREES

**WHERE:** Rasuwa District
**SECTORS OF INTERVENTION:** Food security, agriculture and pastoralism; Environmental protection and Fight against climate change
**TOTAL AMOUNT:** 92.545,49 Euro
**AMOUNT SPENT IN 2022:** 5.280,93 Euro
**DONORS:** Treedom s.r.l.
**PROGRESS REPORT:** Concluded
**START/CONCLUSION :** 01/01/2022 - 31/12/2022
**DURATION:** 12 months
**DESCRIPTION:** Traditional agroforestry practices in the Rasuwa district play an important role in farmers' livelihood since agricultural productivity is decreasing and traditional forest resources cannot meet the growing demand for food, fodder and timber. Furthermore, environmental deterioration is becoming a new problem in Nepal and the project areas. Therefore, agroforestry is one of the best ways to cope with this situation and local knowledge in agroforestry, education and development practices are essential to improve this practice. This project promotes economic growth in Rasuwa district by increasing productivity and profit from growing coffee, fruit and multipurpose trees. It is a multi-year project running since 2017..
**GENERAL OBJECTIVES:** Reducing poverty in Nepal through increased competitiveness








in international trade and the domestic coffee market.
Improving marginal land use in Rasuwa districts through fruit, fodder and multipurpose trees.
Create job opportunities for the youth of the community and provide them with a sustainable source of income, mitigating migration trend towards urban areas and the Persian Gulf.
**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:**

- Extending coffee orchards area and increase coffee production in the country.
- Supporting the use of marginal land and the export of products..
- Improving forest areas in Rasuwa districts by planting productive species..

**PROJECT ACTIVITIES:**
**A1.** Installation of 2 agroforestry nurseries.
**A2.** Purchase and production of seedlings.
**A3.** Training on soil preparation and follow-up of seedling establishment.
**A4.** Seedling establishment: transport of seedlings, soil preparation and planting.
**A5.** Geolocation of plans.
**A6.** Training in organic farming practices and fair-trade principles.
**A7.** Training on reforestation and restoration of marginal land.
**A8.** Training on proper animal nutrition.
**RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2022:** The project ended with the geolocation of 40,000 seedlings.
**REACHED BENEFICIARIES:**
**Directly:** 806 beneficiaries
**Indirectly:** 3.224 beneficiaries
**PARTNER:** Nepal Agroforestry Foundation



## ‘SUSPENDED COFFEE – DEVELOPMENT OF THE COFFEE CHAIN AND ASSOCIATED AGRICULTURE FOR THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC GROWTH OF SMALL FARMERS IN RURAL NEPAL’



**WHERE:** Central Region of Nepal. Rasuwa District, Naukunda Rural Municipality.
**SECTOR OF INTERVENTION:** Food security, agriculture and pastoralism
**TOTAL AMOUNT:** 64.893 Euro
**AMOUNT SPENT IN 2022:** 44.113,25 Euro
**DONORS:** Autonomous Province of Bolzano, ASIA private donors
**PROGRESS REPORT:** Concluded
**START/CONCLUSION :** 01/01/2022 - 31/12/2022
**DURATION:** 12 months
**DESCRIPTION:** The project covers 100 coffee beneficiaries in District No. 4 of the Naukunda rural municipality and 5 of the Rasuwa district in Nepal, where there is quite a significant number of coffee farmers. The objective of the project is to ensure food security and to improve farmers’ living conditions by strengthening the coffee value chain and increasing small farmers’ income of in rural areas..
**GENERAL OBJECTIVE:** Ensuring food security and improving livelihoods by strengthening the coffee value chain and increasing small farmers’ income in rural areas of Rasuwa district by 25% by 2023, contributing to the realisation of Goal 2 of 2030 Agenda - Zero Hunger.
**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:**

- Increasing young farmers and women’s annual income in the municipality of Naukunda by 20% by improving the production, processing and sale of green coffee by the end of the project.
- Promoting cooperative farming systems in order to strengthen farming families’ resilience in the rural municipality of Naukunda by increasing agroforestry production by 10% for sale and subsistence by the end of the project.

**PROJECT ACTIVITIES:**
**A1.** Strengthening 100 farmers’ capacities and improving farming methods of coffee and other associated crops with improved soil.
**A2.** Building 5 soil cement tanks and installation of irrigation systems for coffee, fruit and vegetable plantations using the potential water source.
**A3.** Improvement of post-harvest coffee management and creation of 1 coffee processing centre.
**A4.** Training 5 groups of coffee farmers and capacity building on coffee cooperative management.
**A5.** Training on associated farming and agroforestry systems for income diversification of coffee farmers for 100 farmers.
**RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2022:** The results of the project were largely achieved. Below is what was achieved during the project year:

- Selection of 100 farmers involved in coffee production, including 50 women and young returnees.
- Organisation of 1 information session on agricultural entrepreneurship, the advantages of coffee production and associated products.
- Delivery of 10 training meetings on improving coffee cultivation techniques.
- Delivery of 10 training meetings on biological pest control and integrated nutrient management in the coffee orchard.
- Purchase and distribution of organic farming training material kits.
- Selection of 4 coffee plant greenhouses and replacement of damaged materials or introduction of new materials to improve production (bamboo, plastic, irrigation







pipes and tanks).
- Distribution of 8,000 fruit and coffee plants.
- Building 5 tanks with earth and concrete, equipped with an irrigation system for the surrounding crops.
- Delivery of 1 training session on the maintenance and use of soil cement tanks and irrigation systems.
- Delivery of a 2-day training on post-harvest management and coffee processing.
- Set up of a collection centre for coffee processing.
- Installation of 3 manual stripping machines.
- Establishment of 5 groups of coffee growers.
- Capacity building on institutionalisation of coffee farmer groups and coffee cooperatives, coffee marketing, agricultural credit and crop insurance.
- Support for the construction of small greenhouses and supply of 1 seed kit.
- Delivery of 2 training sessions on beekeeping.
- Supply of 2 beekeeper hives, 4 honey extractors, 20 kits with safety material, hive maintenance material and honey extraction material.
- Delivery of a 2-day training for a group of farmers (10 sessions) on fruit and fodder plant management.

**REACHED BENEFICIARIES:**
**Directly:** 100 farming families with a total of about 500 beneficiaries.
**Indirectly:** The 11,833 inhabitants (5,782 men and 6,051 women) in the rural municipality of Naukunda will be indirect recipients of project activities.
**PARTNER:** Nepal Agroforestry Foundation (NAF)







## TREE IN A CUP: AN AGROFORESTRY PROJECT TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE DISTRICTS OF RASUWA, NUWAKOT, TANAHU AND LAMJUNG THROUGH THE PROVISION OF COFFEE PLANTS, FRUIT SPECIES AND MULTIPURPOSE TREES

**WHERE:** Districts of Rasuwa, Nuwakot, Tanahu and Lamjung
**SECTORS OF INTERVENTION:** Food security, agriculture and pastoralism; Environmental protection and Fight against climate change
**TOTAL AMOUNT:** 157.813,02 Euro
**AMOUNT SPENT IN 2022:** 157.813,02 Euro
**DONORS:** Treedom s.r.l.
**PROGRESS REPORT:** Ongoing
**START/CONCLUSION:** 28/02/2022 - 28/02/2023
**DURATION:** 12 months
**DESCRIPTION:** Traditional agroforestry practices in the Districts of Rasuwa, Nuwakot, Lamjung and Tanahu play a major role in farmer livelihoods since agricultural productivity is decreasing and traditional forest resources are unable to meet the growing demand for food, fodder and timber. In addition, environmental deterioration is becoming a new problem in Nepal and the project areas.
Therefore, agroforestry is one of the best ways to address this situation and local knowledge in agroforestry, education and development practices is essential to improve this practice. This project promotes the economic growth in the Districts of Rasuwa, Nuwakot, Tanahu and Lamjung by increasing productivity and profit from growing coffee, fruit and multi purpose trees. It is a multi-year project running since 2017.
**GENERAL OBJECTIVES:** Reducing poverty in Nepal through increased competitiveness in international trade and the domestic coffee market.
Improving marginal land use in Rasuwa districts through fruit, fodder and multipurpose trees.
Creating job opportunities for the youth of the community and provide them with a






sustainable source of income, mitigating the migration trend towards urban areas and the Persian Gulf.
**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE:**
- Extending the coffee orchards area and increase coffee production in the country.
- Supporting the use of marginal land and the export of products.
- Improving forest areas in the Districts of Rasuwa, Nuwakot, Tanahu and Lamjung by planting productive species..

**PROJECT ACTIVITIES:**
**A1.** Installation of an agroforestry nursery..
**A2.** Installation of 4 rainwater collection tanks.
**A3.** Purchase and production of seedlings.
**A4.** Training on soil preparation and follow-up of seedling establishment.
**A5.** Seedling establishment: transport of seedlings, soil preparation and planting.
**A6.** Geolocation of seedlings.
**A7.** Training in organic farming practices and fair-trade principles.
**A8.** Reforestation and marginal land restoration training.
**RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2022:** The project concluded with the geolocation of 117,000 seedlings.
**REACHED BENEFICIARIES:**
**Directly:** 1.092 beneficiaries
**Indirectly:** 4.368 beneficiaries
**PARTNER:** Nepal Agroforestry Foundation, Beautiful Coffee Nepal, Support Activities for Poor Producers Nepal.



# ITALY

In Italy, **2022 was a very busy and fruitful year for the Global Citizenship Education sector, with no less than 5 projects implemented**. It was also a year of great consolidation for ASIA relationship with schools and other realities, both locally and nationally. With regard to the development of topics related to the **Buddhist cultural tradition applied to education, 2 projects ended in 2022, while 2 new ones were launched in partnership with Merigar and co-financed by UBI (Italian Buddhist Union)**. The project 'Seeds of Awareness' ended in March and the project 'Breathe the Earth. Resilient children mindful of themselves and the environment'. The latter included activities for children and teachers on awareness of their inner space and the external environment through Yantra Yoga/Kumar Kumari and Mindfulness courses on the one hand and workshops on environmental sustainability education as well as the creation of school gardens on the other. As far as the 2 new projects are concerned, 'Educating to defend animal rights and to protect the environment for a sustainable future of Planet Earth' was launched in February, carried out in cooperation with LAV (Anti-Vivisection League) and aimed at raising awareness among primary and secondary school students, teachers and civil society on respect for all sentient beings and nature – through workshops and meetings in schools, webinars and publications. In September the 4th UBI project started, entitled 'LET'S MAKE PEACE. Taking care of one's inner enemies to make peace with the outside world', with the aim of raising awareness among children and adults of the importance of values such as empathy, love, compassion, altruism and respect for others, in order to create a peaceful society that puts an end to conflicts and the suffering they cause. In particular, Kumar Kumari and socio-emotional workshops in primary schools started. The project will continue in 2023 with short theoretical experiential classes for teachers, tours for students to the Museum of Oriental Art and Culture in Arcidosso, and will end with an International Interreligious Conference on Inner Disarmament.

As for specific projects on environmental sustainability education, **the 'GREEN SCHOOL Italia Programme: network of schools and territories for sustainable development' was launched in October, financed by AICS**, with the Province of Varese as the lead partner in a partnership of 12 bodies. This project aims to support schools in 13 provinces – in 5 regions – that are committed to promoting sustainable development and adopting good sustainable practices, thus reducing their carbon footprint. In Lazio Region, ASIA cooperates with Città Metropolitana Roma Capitale with the objective of involving a minimum of 30 schools at all levels in the 24 months of the project and organising a national conference on the project at the end of the 2 years, with the involvement of institutions.

Lastly, in September the Ministry of Education announced the funding of the project 'P.A.S.S.I. in community – Pathways of Meaningful, Situated, Integrated/inclusive Learning within the community', with Maestri di Strada as the leader of a partnership that brings together 14 Third Sector organisations with experience in the field of educational workshops for social inclusion in schools and in different territories – in the regions of Campania, Emilia-Romagna, Lazio, Lombardy and Veneto. However, this project will be implemented only after the publication of the final ranking list of the schools that joined the Ministry's call for proposals for each region involved (deadline 31 January 2023).



Rome and Grosseto Provinces



## ITALY 2022 IN FIGURES

5 ongoing projects

## SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

Global Citizenship Education

## GOALS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT




## OUR BENEFICIARIES

Directly 3,520 people
2.318 students
278 teachers
924 civil society
Indirectly 7,700 people

## TOGETHER WITH

- Merigar
- Metropolitan City of Rome
- CAST non-profit NGO
- OIKOS non-profit Institute
- University of Parma CIREA
- Metropolitan City of Cagliari
- Brikke Brakke Cooperative
- Agenda 21 Laghi, Municipality of Laveno Mombello
- AAMPS – Azienda Ambientale di Pubblico Servizio (Public Service Environmental Company) in Livorno
- LAV
- Space42
- Province of Varese
- University of Insubria
- EFYS Association
- Erica Cooperative

## SPENT FUNDS

89.770,10



# OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

**1** PHOTO EXHIBITION (ENRICO DELL'ANGELO. PORTRAITS OF INDIA AND TIBET) ACCOMPANIED BY CATALOGUE
in Rome and Arcidosso

**25** YANTRA YOGA/KUMAR KUMARI CLASSES
in primary schools in Rome and the Amiata municipalities (GR)

**3** SCHOOL GARDENS WITH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CLASSES
in primary schools in Rome and its province

**6** ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WORKSHOPS
in primary schools in Rome and its province

**7** MINDFULNESS PATHS
in primary schools in Rome and its province

**16** WORKSHOPS ON EMPATHY AND RESPECT FOR ANIMALS
in primary and secondary schools in Rome and the Grosseto province

**5** AWARENESS-RAISING MEETINGS ON INTENSIVE LIVESTOCK FARMING
in high schools in Rome and Grosseto

**4** WORKSHOPS EMOTIONS IN COLOURS
in primary schools in Rome

**1** GREEN SCHOOL PROJECT LAUNCH EVENT
for all schools in Rome and its province



## SEEDS OF AWARENESS: STARTING FROM SELF KNOWLEDGE TO REDISCOVER THE DEEP CONNECTIONS THAT EXIST BETWEEN HUMAN BEINGS AND CULTIVATE EMPATHIC RELATIONSHIPS



**WHERE:** Rome, Amiata municipalities, Naples
**SECTOR OF INTERVENTION:** Global Citizenship Education
**TOTAL AMOUNT:** 99.790,00 Euro
**AMOUNT SPENT IN 2022:** 19.105,24 Euro
**DONORS:** UBI (70%), ASIA + MERIGAR (30%)
**PROGRESS REPORT:** Completed
**START/CONCLUSION:** 01/09/2020 - 31/03/2022
**DURATION:** 19 months
**DESCRIPTION:** At a time when intolerance, discrimination and hate phenomena are spreading throughout society, it is essential to 'sow' values that underlie Buddhist philosophy, such as mindfulness and interdependence, in order to create a healthier and more harmonious sociality. Through this project and with a view to rediscover common humanity and greater self-knowledge, ASIA, together with the lead partner Merigar, addresses both adult and young people with a series of activities that aim to spread the values of awareness and interdependence in several Italian municipalities.
**GENERAL OBJECTIVE:** Helping improve young people's social emotional skills and create a more inclusive and welcoming society by spreading knowledge on the principles of mindfulness and interdependence.
**PROJECT ACTIVITIES:**
**A1.** Photo exhibition 'Tibetan Treasures' – with pictures and stories of spiritual masters, sacred places and ordinary people from Tibet, to create a bridge with a distant culture, make the 'diverse' known and increase the sense of belonging to the same humanity.
**A2.** Cycle of 2 seminars on the principles of Awareness and Interdependence aimed at civil society with the purpose of introducing them to the principles of Awareness and Interdependence from the Buddhist perspective.
**A3.** Workshop on drawing and fairy tales from around the world in elementary school: a reading path of fairy tales from around the world that introduces children to the principle of interdependence from the perspective of different cultural traditions through interactive storytelling and artistic expression.
**A4.** Mindfulness and empathy path in elementary school, to educate children to listen to themselves, their bodies and their emotions as a starting point for establishing empathic relationships based on non-judgmental understanding of the other.
**A5.** Yantra Yoga – Kumar Kumari classes in elementary school, to foster the harmonious development of children's personalities and promote the attitude of listening, debate and respect for others.
**RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2022:**

- The last activity envisaged by the project was carried out: the photographic exhibition "Enrico Dell'Angelo. Portraits of India and Tibet" in Rome, in the Bonomo Gallery from 26 February to 9 March, and in Merigar, Arcidosso (GR), from 13 March to 1 May. The exhibition was much appreciated, both for the high artistic quality of the shots and because it is a testimony of a world and a tradition that has now almost disappeared.
- A catalogue, in Italian and English, was also produced as part of the exhibition.

**BENEFICIARIES REACHED:**
**Directly (2022):** 350 people (200 in Rome and 150 in Merigar)
**Totalling (19 months):** 1105 direct beneficiaries reached (703 students, 2 educators and 400 people from civil society)
**PARTNER:** Merigar - International Dzogchen Community Cultural Association (leading)





## BREATHE THE EARTH. RESILIENT CHILDREN MINDFUL OF THEMSELVES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

**WHERE:** Rome and province, Grosseto and province
**SECTOR OF INTERVENTION:** Global Citizenship Education
**TOTAL AMOUNT:** 57.409,00 Euro
**AMOUNT SPENT IN 2022:** 32.170,17 Euro
**DONORS:** Italian Buddhist Union (UBI) – 70%, Partner (Merigar - International Dzogchen Community Cultural Association and ASIA) – 30%
**PROGRESS REPORT:** Completed
**START/CONCLUSION:** 01/10/2021 - 30/09/2022
**DURATION:** 12 months
**DESCRIPTION:** The basic vision inspiring the project is Interdependence: human beings and their environment are not separate, they are one. Rediscovering this unity with the Earth and other living beings, overcoming the sense of separateness, is a source of psychophysical wellbeing and helps to develop a fuller conception of citizenship. However, this connection is first and foremost with oneself; it starts with awareness of what we think, the feelings we have and the sensations we feel in the body. Helping children become considerable and caring simultaneously for their inner world and for the plants and fruits of the Earth is at the heart of this project.





**GENERAL OBJECTIVE:** Spreading in first grade schools the values of awareness, respect for the environment and the interdependence of all living beings as in the Buddhist vision, increasing the students and teachers' resilience and environmental awareness.
**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE:**
Fostering the social-emotional development, resilience and environmental awareness of primary school children and their teachers through pathways to awareness of their inner space (mindfulness and yoga) and of the outer environment (creation of school gardens/ vegetable gardens and climate change workshops).
**PROJECT ACTIVITIES:**
**A1.** Mindfulness paths for children and teachers (differentiated paths carried out by specialized trainers).
**A.2** Kumar Kumari, Yantra Yoga for children.
**A.3** School gardens (with differentiated modalities based on the availability or not of open space and land by the school).
**A.4** The Earth as seen from space (workshops for children on respecting the environment and raising awareness on climate change).
**RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2022:**

- Completion of yoga courses for a further 9 classes in 3 primary schools in the province of Grosseto (Montenero) and in Rome.
- Creation of 3 school gardens (and related educational workshops) in 3 primary






schools in Rome and its province: 2 in-ground and one in a box (with planting of saplings).
- Environmental education workshops "The Earth seen from space" held in 3 primary schools in Rome and its province.
- Organisation of mindfulness courses for children and teachers in 2 schools in Rome and province.

**BENEFICIARIES REACHED:**
**Directly (2022):** 572 students and 68 teachers
**Totalling (12 months):** 770 direct beneficiaries (702 students e 68 teachers) and 3000 indirect beneficiaries
**PARTNER:** Merigar - International Dzogchen Community Cultural Association (leading)







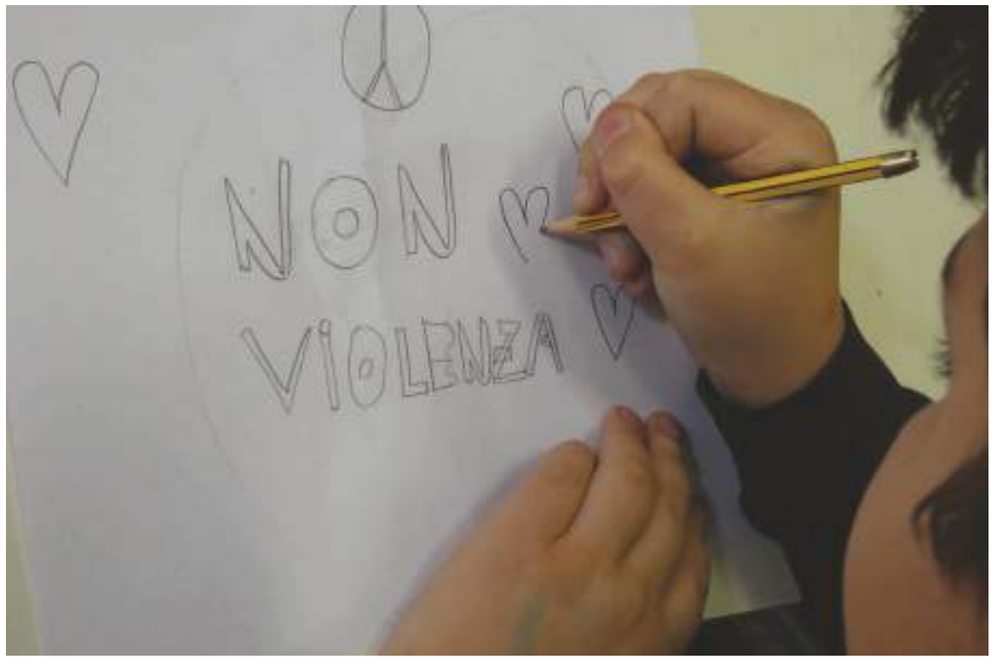


## EDUCATING TO DEFEND ANIMAL RIGHTS AND TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE OF PLANET EARTH

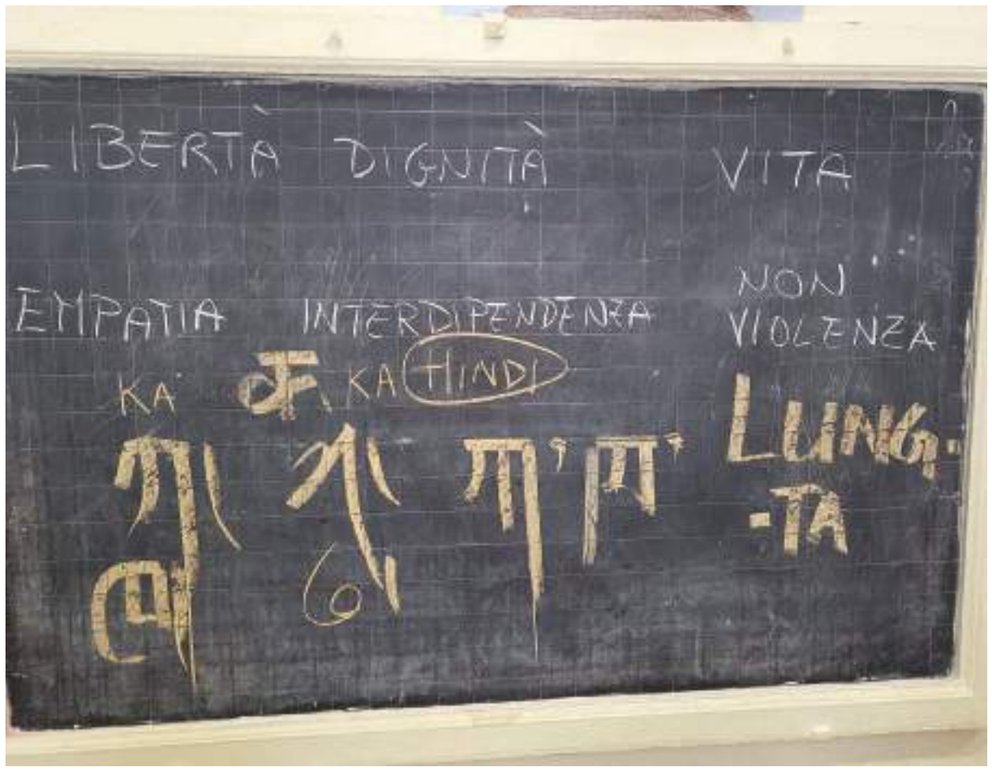
**WHERE:** Rome and Grosseto provinces
**SECTOR OF INTERVENTION:** Global Citizenship Education
**TOTAL AMOUNT:** 57.088,00 Euro
**AMOUNT SPENT IN 2022:** 30.839,80 Euro
**DONORS:** Italian Buddhist Union (UBI) – 70%, Partner (Dzogchen Merigar Cultural Association and ASIA) – 30%
**PROGRESS REPORT:** Ongoing
**START/CONCLUSION:** 03/02/2022 - 31/03/2023
**DURATION:** 12+2 months
**DESCRIPTION:** The consequences and pace of climate change caused by human activities are now extremely evident and pressing: for the first time in our history, human activities are irreversibly degrading our ecosystem. By now, a large number of studies and scientific research show how intensive farming of land and sea animals has a strong negative impact on the environment (consumption of water reserves, deforestation, occupation of land solely for livestock feed, etc.), i.e. on the fate of future generations and on human health in the short term. Moreover, the methods of killing animals are still very cruel today. This is why the project focussed, on the one hand, on interactive and practical animal awareness courses aimed at primary and secondary










school children and young people, with the aim of guiding them to develop empathy towards all animals, introducing them to the concept of responsible care, rights, needs and protection of animals. On the other hand, it has planned science education activities for a more adult audience, including in-depth meetings in high schools on intensive livestock farming and its effects on the environment, and an online lecture series.
**GENERAL OBJECTIVE:** Participate in the creation and evolution of a more harmonious and just society that respects the life of all beings and the earth.
**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE:** Raising awareness among primary and secondary school students, teachers and civil society about respect for all sentient beings, how human behaviour aimed only at profit and not respect for our environment is leading the entire planet towards destruction.
**PROJECT ACTIVITIES:**
**A1.** Workshops for students on respect for animals.
**A2.** Visits to the LAV animal rescue centre in Semproniano and creation of a book with children's drawings.
**A3.** Awareness-raising meetings on intensive livestock farming in high schools.
**A4.** Interdisciplinary online conference.
**RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2022:**
- Organisation of workshops on respect for animals in 5 primary and secondary schools in Rome and the province of Grosseto.
- Organisation of guided (but online) visits to the LAV animal rescue centre in Semproniano by the same classes involved in the workshops and creation and printing of the illustrated book 'Animali e Ambiente' (Animals and the Environment).
- Organisation of awareness-raising meetings on intensive livestock farming and its consequences on animals and the environment in 3 high schools in Rome and Grosseto.



**REACHED BENEFICIARIES:**
**Directly:** 586 students and 39 teachers
**PARTNER:** Dzogchen Merigar Cultural Association (leader), ASIA



## LET'S MAKE PEACE. TAKING CARE OF ONE'S INNER ENEMIES TO MAKE PEACE WITH THE OUTER WORLD



**WHERE:** Italy, Rome and province, Grosseto and province
**SECTORS OF INTERVENTION:** Global Citizenship Education
**TOTAL AMOUNT:** 57.040,00 Euro
**AMOUNT SPENT IN 2022:** 4.477,99 Euro
**DONORS:** Italian Buddhist Union (UBI) – 70%, Partners (Dzogchen Merigar Cultural Association and ASIA) – 30%
**PROGRESS REPORT:** Ongoing
**START/CONCLUSION:** 01/09/2022 - 31/08/2023
**DURATION:** 12 months
**DESCRIPTION:** The 'Let's Make Peace' project aims to contribute, through various activities aimed at children, teachers and civil society in general, to the creation of a culture of peace and dialogue. Namely, it aims to make children and adults aware of the importance of human values such as empathy, love, compassion, altruism and respect for others, in order to create a peaceful society that puts an end to conflict and the suffering that results from it. By making peace with oneself, one learns not to project the enemy outside oneself and establishes relationships based on respect, listening and empathy.
The Italian parliament has recognised the importance of enhancing young people's non-cognitive skills by passing a bill that also introduces stress management, the development of empathy, critical thinking and creativity into education. With the activities for schools in this project, we want to strengthen these soft skills in children, helping them to become aware of the unhealthy emotions they feel and to develop a kind attitude towards themselves. At the same time, it is also intended to support teachers, who are subjected to increasingly heavy stress loads, in managing their emotions and developing an empathic relationship with themselves and their students.
**GENERAL OBJECTIVE:** Contributing to a non-violent society and peace by contributing to individual and collective change by reviving human values in an experiential way.
**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE:** Improving students, teachers and civil society's knowledge of human and peace values such as altruism, respect for others, dialogue, compassion and interdependence, while fostering their application in daily life, through lectures, visits, courses and workshops.
**PROJECT ACTIVITIES:**
**A1.** Interreligious Conference in Merigar.
**A2.** Guided tours of the MACO Museum in Arcidosso.
**A3.** Activities in schools.
**A.3.1** Yantra Yoga Kumar Kumari courses.
**A.3.2** 'Emotions in colours' workshops.
**A.3.3** Theoretical-experiential courses for teachers.
**RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2022:**

- Kumar Kumari yoga courses started in 6 out of the 7 schools foreseen in the project, in Rome and in the province of Grosseto.
- Emozioni a colori' (Emotions in colours) workshops implemented in 2 out of the 5 schools foreseen in the project, in Rome.

**REACHED BENEFICIARIES:**
**Directly:** 327 children and 49 teachers
**PARTNER:** Dzogchen Merigar Cultural Association (leader), ASIA





## GREEN SCHOOL ITALIA: NETWORK OF SCHOOLS AND TERRITORIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

**WHERE:** Lombardy Region, Rome Metropolitan Area, Livorno Province, Cagliari Metropolitan Area and Valle d'Aosta Region
**SECTOR OF INTERVENTION:** Global Citizenship Education
**TOTAL AMOUNT:** 644.503,80 Euro
**AMOUNT SPENT IN 2022:** 3.176,9 Euro
**DONORS:** Italian Development Cooperation Agency – 88%, Partnership co-financing – 12%
**PROGRESS REPORT:** Ongoing
**START/CONCLUSION:** 24/10/2022 - 23/10/2024
**DURATION:** 24 months
**DESCRIPTION:** The Green School Italia programme was created with the aim of expanding the success of a project that has so far only been active in Lombardy Region and has involved over 600 schools in 5 Italian regions. Schools of all levels that, thanks to the project support, are committed to promoting sustainable development and adopting good practices, thus reducing their carbon footprint and stimulating the adoption of active and virtuous behaviour towards sustainability among students, families and communities. In 13 years since the first project, the tools made available to schools have been perfected and refined, in particular through the contribution of the research organisations included in the partnership. Over time, the Green School Method has been structured, which includes easy systems for calculating the carbon footprint and new operational and teaching tools to strengthen knowledge, methodologies and skills in the field of education for sustainable development. The project starts from Schools but reaches Communities, transforming the social, economic and associative fabric into sustainability yards, which are able to think and develop co-design paths, with the conception of community educational pacts and the development of concrete projects and actions. Lastly, Green School Italia provides teachers and students involved with new operational and didactic tools to strengthen knowledge, methodologies and skills in the field of education for sustainable development. It is a modular training pathway to provide teachers with knowledge and insights on the 2030 Agenda and to increase their skills to integrate global citizenship and sustainability education into school curricula.
**GENERAL OBJECTIVE:** Contributing to the development and strengthening of a 'citizenship' concept, understood as belonging to the global community, pragmatically contributing to individual and collective change for the creation of a more sustainable and just world.
**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE:** Improving understanding of the challenges posed by climate change and sustainable development processes for students, teachers and the general public by promoting the acquisition of good practices in sustainable lifestyles through local sustainable development workshops in the communities of the territories involved.
**PROJECT ACTIVITIES:**
**A1.** Revision of the carbon footprint calculation tools and school interface of the green-school.it website.
**A.2** Development of didactic and educational tools.





**A.3** Modular teacher training course.
**A.4** Supporting the introduction of good sustainable practices in schools, monitoring the impacts of behavioural changes and awarding Green School recognition.
**A.5** Establishment of a permanent discussion table on sustainable school programmes.
**A.6** Creation of territorial networks for sustainable development education.
**A.7** Launch of participatory design workshops for sustainable development actions in the territories involved.
**RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2022:**

- Organisation of training on the Green School Method by the Technical Scientific Committee to all territorial operators in the partnership.
- Launch of the project at territorial level with internal organisational programmatic meetings (ASIA and Rome Capital City) for launch event and training course for teachers.
- Organisation of the launch event aimed at all schools in Rome and its province with the participation of the Regional School Office and the Province of Varese in hybrid mode.
- Start of communication with schools interested in the Programme and registration of schools and contact persons on the green-school website.

**REACHED BENEFICIARIES:**
**Directly:** 47 teachers
**PARTNER:** Province of Varese (lead partner), Metropolitan City of Rome, Metropolitan City of Cagliari, Agenda 21 Laghi, Municipality of Laveno Mombello (VA), University of Insubria, University of Parma CIREA, AAMPS - Azienda Ambientale di Pubblico Servizio (Public Service Environmental Company) in Livorno, OIKOS non-profit Institute, ASIA non-profit organisation, CAST NGO non-profit organisation, EFYS Association, Brikke Brakke Cooperative, Erica Cooperative

# LONG-DISTANCE SPONSORSHIP



# LONG-DISTANCE SPONSORSHIP (LDS)

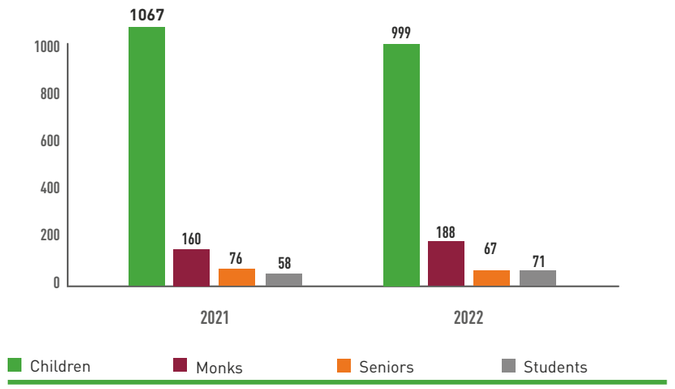



Long-Distance Sponsorship (LDS) is a method of fundraising that each year allows us to support schools of all levels (from kindergarten to high school), monasteries, university students and residential care homes for the elderly, improving the living conditions of people in need in the cultural and social environment to which they belong. Long distance Supporters pledge to send a stable and constant economic contribution to these children, youth, elderly and monks, ensuring them decent living conditions and the possibility of receiving an education that is respectful of their cultural identity, with the aim of maintaining and passing it on.
Thanks to Long-Distance Sponsorship we participate each year in the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, particularly contributing to achieving SDGs 1, 3 and 4.




The number of long-distance sponsorship projects that are active each year is constantly changing and this depends on various factors, the main ones being: number of new starts, number of closures, number of renewals, project openings/closings and the timing of reporting on these factors. The Annual Report aims to give an account of the year on all ASIA activities and for this reason we consider the period from the beginning of January to the end of December for analysis. Though it is important to emphasise that this purely temporal choice does not suit LDS since the number of LDS projects varies and changes every day and the 'snapshot' on 31 December may not reflect the current situation.
This year, following a year of profound changes – first and foremost the closure of the projects in Tibet – ended with a total of **1,325 active** LDS projects and **928 sponsors**, thus registering a constant number of active LDS – as 2021 had ended with 1,361 active LDS and 938 sponsors – and continuing with the positive trend of starting new projects: 3, including 2 monasteries and a primary school. In conclusion, considering the activities carried out throughout the year, the resources deployed and above all the global economic, geopolitical and social situation, this is a satisfactory achievement.

**BENEFICIARIES SUPPORTED**

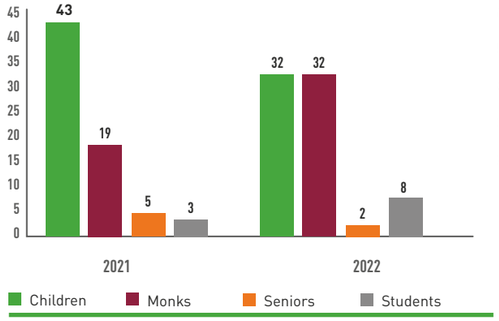




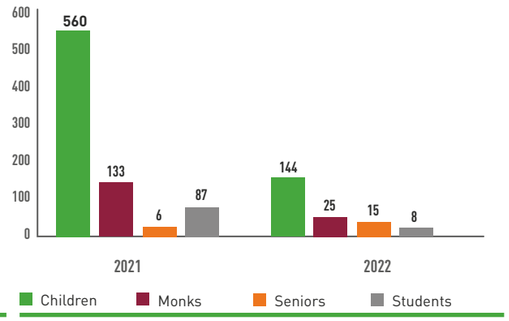
## NEW LDS AND CLOSURES

**In 2022, there was a slight increase in requests to start new sponsorship projects** – 74 compared to 70 in 2021 – a factor that was probably influenced by the start of Long-Distance Sponsorship in favour of the nuns in the Tso Pema Hermitage, a place very close to our target group of sponsors. In addition, following the surge in closures in 2021 due to the discontinuation of projects in Tibet, there was a decrease on this source with **192 LDS closed compared to 846 in 2021**.

**NEW SAD 2021-2022**




**LDS CLOSURES 2021-2022**




With respect to the type of beneficiaries, we had a constant **increase in new sponsorship projects for monks (32)**, which equalled those for children (32). Compared to 2021, start-ups in favour of high school students (scholarships) also increased, and new LDS in favour of children and the elderly decreased.
Out of 192 closures, 42 are sponsor-related while 150 are due to beneficiaries' changed circumstances. Below are the specific reasons

- **Out of 42 sponsor-related closures:**
  - 19 for prolonged insolvency;
  - 19 due to economic difficulties;
  - 4 for other reasons.
- **Out of 150 closures related to the beneficiaries' changed circumstances:**
  - 40 for graduation/end of studies;
  - 60 for transfer to other schools/monasteries;
  - 15 for transfer to other countries;
  - 14 for interruption of studies (family reasons, health, personal choices);
  - 21 for other reasons.

**Sponsor-related closures decreased** (-18 compared to 2021), which mainly reflects the constant monitoring of delinquent sponsors in recent years. Furthermore, it is imperative to consider that compared to 2021, not only closures due to **economic difficulties decreased** (-4) but also **closures due to insolvency**, from 33 in 2021 to 19 in 2022.
**The closures due to the beneficiaries' changed conditions increased** in absolute terms compared to the previous year – 150 compared to 101 in 2021 – but in relative terms, when considering the proportion in relation to the total number of active LDS, they are actually lower.

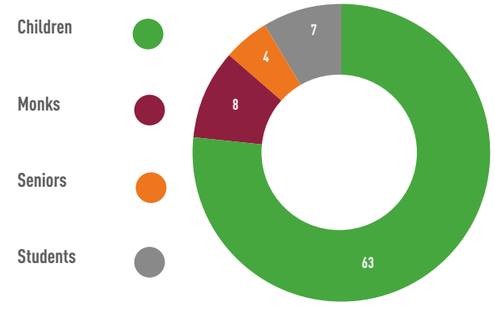


These closures were communicated to the respective supporters, most of whom immediately decided to renew their commitment – see details in the following section. As of 31 December, 72 LDS remained closed, of which 43 were closed because supporters were unable to renew their commitment, and 29 were closed because supporters had not yet responded to the closure notices – these figures correspond to the number of beneficiaries and not to the actual number of sponsors, who may actually correspond to several sponsorship projects.

## RENEWED LDS

In 2022, a total of **82 LDS projects were renewed**, i.e. new long-distance sponsorship initiated following the departure of beneficiaries and the closure of previous support. Of the 82 renewed supports (including 4 new supports from closures relating to 2021), 63 are in favour of children, 8 in favour of monks, 4 in favour of the elderly and 7 in favour of high school students (scholarships). This figure is strongly influenced by the type of beneficiary who has left the programme: in most cases, supporters choose to renew their long-distance sponsorship in favour of another beneficiary in the same category.

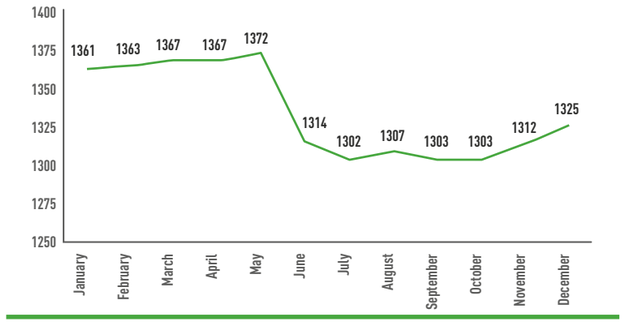
**2022: 82 LDS RENEWED**




## LDS TREND IN 2022

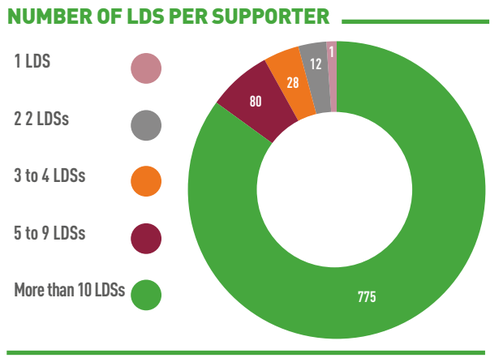
The trend of the Long-distance sponsorship project in 2022 returned to a similar trend as before the closure of Tibet projects. With respect to LDS projects starts and closures during the year, the **number of active LDS projects fluctuated** – see figure below – with moments of sharp decreases, linked to the end of the school year and the consequent exits due to completion of studies, followed however by a steady, albeit slow, increase. From January to May 2022, there was a constant number of LDS projects, followed by a sharp decrease due to the end of the school year between June and July, which was then followed by a slow but steady increase, the peak of which was reached at Christmas time, as every year.

**2022 LDS PERFORMANCE**





## LONG-DISTANCE SPONSORS




In 2022 we had **40 new supporters** – of which 9 are former supporters – **for a total of 928 long-distance sponsors**. During the year, as many as 20 supporters with active support decided to increase their commitment – up from 12 in 2021 – supporting 25 more beneficiaries – up from 22 in 2021 – which makes us very proud considering the global economic, geopolitical and social situation and the management challenges associated with increasing the number of new projects.

Out of the 928 long-distance sponsors, 25 have chosen not to have personal sponsorship, donating to a German fund dedicated to them, which covers 25 LDS projects this year. Out of the remaining 903 sponsors, the majority – 775 people – support a single beneficiary, but it should be noted that as many as 80 people support at least 2 beneficiaries, while the number of supporters with more than 10 increased to 8 (+1 compared to 2021). ASIA sponsors come from many parts of the world. Among the most represented countries we have Italy ranking first – with 678 sponsors, 30 fewer than in 2021 – followed by Germany (58), France (41), the USA (18), and the Czech Republic – see table below.

## ASIA IN EUROPE

As for the European countries where **ASIA** has offices: :

- in **France**, the number of active LDS projects has increased while the number of supporters has slightly decreased since 2021: there are 34 supporters and the number of active LDS is 48 – 34 children, 10 monks, 2 high school students and 2 seniors.
- in **Germany**, the number of active sponsors and LDS has decreased. Namely, last year there were 58 supporters – 25 of whom donate to the non-personal fund – and 68 active LDS. Specifically, German supporters support 45 high school students (scholarships), 5 monks and 18 children..

## LDS PER COUNTRY

In 2022, 2 LDS projects started in Nepal, in a primary school and a monastery, and 1 in India in favour of nuns in retreat. Below is a table summarising the number of active sponsorship for each project over the last 3 years.

| LONG DISTANCE SPONSORSHIP PROJECTS | LDS 2020 | LDS 2021 | LDS 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL LDS 4 COUNTRIES** | **1638** | **1361** | **1325** |
| **INDIA - 23 (7) PROJECTS** | **502** | **660** | **642** |
| 0501 THF (School) | 131 | 148 | 129 |
| 0503 TKIS (closed at the end of the year) | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 0506 STSS Chauntra | | | |
| 0507 STSS Paonta | 57 | 77 | 73 |
| 0554 STSS Petoen | | | |
| 0509 THF Elders | 74 | 76 | 67 |
| 0510 TIPA | 14 | 15 | 12 |
| 0511 CST Shimla (closed at the end of the year) | | | |
| 0516 CST Darjeeling (closing) | | | |
| 0517 CST Mussorie (closed at the end of the year) | 13 | 5 | 2 |
| 0530 CST Kalimpong (closing) | | | |
| 0544 CST Sonada (closed at the end of the year) | | | |
| 0512 TCV Bylakuppe | 54 | 73 | 63 |
| 0513 TCV Dharamsala | 22 | 42 | 44 |
| 0514 TCV Lower Dharamsala | 4 | 7 | 18 |
| 0515 TCV Gopalpur | 39 | 57 | 49 |
| 0518 TCV Ladakh | 10 | 39 | 43 |
| 0519 TCV Suja | 11 | 34 | 41 |
| 0520 TCV Outreach | 21 | 14 | 11 |
| 0524 TCV Outreach Bylakuppe | 6 | 6 | 3 |
| 0531 TCV Chauntra | 41 | 57 | 55 |
| 0548 TCV Selakui | 4 | 9 | 8 |
| 0558 Dzigar Holy Cave (nuovo) | | | 23 |
| **NEPAL - 14 PROJECTS** | **437** | **691** | **680** |
| 0502 Triten Norbutse Monastery | 88 | 103 | 99 |
| 0508 Manasorovar Foundation | 214 | 221 | 203 |
| 0549 Dolpo School (Ganchen Meri) | 31 | 37 | 28 |
| 0563 Gautam Buddha Monastery | | 13 | 9 |
| 0564 Tashi Choeling Monastery | | 34 | 43 |
| 0565 Nghagyur Choeling Monastery (new) | | | 11 |
| 0570 Aarukharka School | 28 | 26 | 22 |
| 0571 Thangdoor School | 23 | 20 | 16 |
| 0572 Namuna School | 6 | 6 | 3 |
| 0573 Dupcheshwori School | 47 | 61 | 59 |
| 0574 Tise School (Siliguri) | | 112 | 112 |
| 0575 Srongtsen Primary School (new) | | | 4 |
| 0594 Srongtsen High School | | 26 | 29 |

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| 0594 Srongtsen High School | | 26 | 29 |
| 0598 Namgyal High School | | 32 | 42 |
| **BHUTAN - 1 PROJECT** | **10** | **10** | **3** |
| 0580 Sumthrang Monastery | 10 | 10 | 3 |
| **TIBET - 19 PROJECTS** | **689** | | |
| QINGHAI - 10 projects closed | 500 | | |
| SICHUAN - 5 projects closed | 107 | | |
| TAR - 4 projects closed | 82 | | |









## BHUTAN

In 2022, support for Sumthrang Monastery and its nuns continued in Bhutan through the Long-Distance Sponsorship Project. Unfortunately, however, considering the Abbot's prolonged absence due to his illness, some of the youngest nuns decided not to return to the Monastery mid-year and to stay at home with their families for the time being. Although the Monastery has now lost its original group of 10 nuns, it is working to obtain recognition from the Ministry of Education as a monastic school for Buddhist studies, registered both locally and worldwide. The institute is developing its curriculum and school policies and aims to start recruiting new male and female students soon.

**WHERE:** Ura County

**ACTIVE PROJECTS:** 0580 Sumtrhang Monastery

**DESCRIPTION:** Long-Distance Sponsorship for nuns who live, study and practice at one of the oldest Buddhist monasteries in Bhutan. The sponsorship ensures the coverage of basic needs, study and practice materials, medical care and a dignified living and study environment for all nuns.

**GENERAL OBJECTIVE:** Contributing to the preservation and dissemination of Himalayan cultures through long-distance sponsorship of Bhutanese students and monks.

**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE:** Improving the living and study conditions of nuns supported at distance; sensitizing sponsors on issues of solidarity and international cooperation and on the importance of safeguarding cultures at risk.

**RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2022:** Improved living and study conditions for resident nuns, regular exchanges and updates with all the long-distance sponsors.

**BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2022:** 3 nuns

**PARTNER:** Bhutan Nyo Foundation

**SPENT FUNDS IN 2022:** 1,560.00 Euro







## INDIA

In India, there were 23 active LDS projects in 2022 (8 if TCV, CST and STS schools are considered as unified under the 3 acronyms). The number of long-distance sponsorships in December 2022 was 642, 18 less than in 2021. A new project has been active since the second half of the year, the first in India in favour of Tibetan nuns: Dzigar Holy Cave, the hermitage of the nuns of the Guru Padmasambhava Holy Cave, near Tso Pema (Himachal Pradesh). 5 projects were closed in December (TKIS, CST Sonada, CST Dalhousie, CST Mundgod, CST Shimla and CST Mussorie), 2 are temporarily inactive (TCV Scholarship and STSS Bhuntar). All the schools under the administration of the Department of Education of the Tibetan Government in exile, the Central Schools for Tibetans (CST) have in fact started to shift under the direct management of the Sambhota Tibetan School Society (STSS) during the year, and it is expected that in 2023 the CST Darjeeling and Kalimpong projects will also be closed and all long-distance sponsorship will shift permanently to STSS.

**WHERE:** Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, West Bengal, Karnataka

**ACTIVE PROJECTS:**
0501 THF School
0503 TKIS (closed at the end of 2022)
0506 STSS Chauntra, 0507 STSS Paonta, 0554 STSS Petoen
0509 THF Elders
0510 TIPA
0516 CST Darjeeling, 0530 CST Kalimpong (closing)
0512 TCV Bylakuppe, 0513 TCV Dharamsala, 0514 TCV Lower Dharamsala, 0515 TCV Gopalpur, 0518 TCV Ladakh, 0519 TCV Suja, 0520 TCV Outreach, 0524 TCV Outreach Bylakuppe, 0531 TCV Chauntra, 0548 TCV Selakui
0558 Dzigar Holy Cave (started in July 2022)

**DESCRIPTION:** In India, the Long-Distance Sponsorship project is implemented in many of the Tibetan schools founded after the exile of the Dalai Lama and attended by children and young people from the main Tibetan settlements. LDS helps to cover the costs for the subsistence, education – from kindergarten to university – and training of these students, who live in school accommodation or at home, and who are also provided with medical care and a living and studying environment that is as familiar as possible. In addition to student sponsorship, India also has the only LDS project for the elderly, who live in residential homes of the Tibetan Homes Foundation or in settlements all over India. The project helps to cover the costs for the subsistence and care of elderly Tibetans who are left alone or who are ill and therefore can no longer support themselves. Since 2022 in India we started a new LDS project in favor of Tibetan nuns, many of them elderly and without family, who live at the hermitage of the Sacred Cave of Guru Padmasambhava.



**GENERAL OBJECTIVE:** Contributing to preserving and disseminating the Tibetan language and culture through LDS of Tibetan students, nuns and elderly people.

**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE:** Ensuring study sponsorship to the most disadvantaged children and young people of the Tibetan community in exile. Increasing education quality in the schools where the project is active. Improving LDS students, nuns and elderly people's living conditions. Raising awareness among sponsors concerning of the issues of international solidarity/cooperation and the importance of safeguarding cultures at risk.

**RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2022:** Improved education quality in 21 schools, improved living conditions of 552 students, 23 nuns and 67 elderly Tibetans, maintained regular exchanges and updates with all distance sponsors..

**BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2022:** 552 students, 23 nuns and 67 elderly Tibetans

**PARTNER:** TCV, THF, TKIS, CST, STS, TIPA and Dzigar Monastery

**SPENT FUNDS IN 2022:** 153,774.80 Euro









## NEPAL

In 2022, 14 LDS projects were active in Nepal, 2 more than in 2021. In fact, 2 new projects have been launched: 1 in favour of the Nghagyur Sangngh Choeling Monastery in Pokhara (Kaski District) and 1 in favour of the Srongtsen Primary School in Kathmandu (the same institute where the Scholarship Project in the secondary school is already active). There was a slight decrease in the number of active supports in this country to 680, 11 fewer than the previous year.

**WHERE:** Districts of Kathmandu, Rasuwa, Kaski and Dolpo, Siliguri (West Bengal, India)

**ACTIVE PROJECTS:**
0502 Triten Norbutse Monastery
0508 Manasarovar Foundation
0549 Dolpo School (Ganchen Meri)
0563 Gautam Buddha Vihara Monastery
0564 Tashi Choeling Monastery
0565 Nghagyur S. C. Monastery (started in 2022)
0570 Aarukharka School
0571 Thangdoor School
0572 Namuna School
0573 Dupcheshwori School
0574 Tise School
0575 Srongtsen Primary School (started in 2022)
0594 Srongtsen High School
0598 Namgyal High School

**DESCRIPTION:** In Nepal, the LDS project is implemented in 10 schools – 5 Tibetan and 5 Himalayan, 2 of which are high schools – and 4 monasteries. In schools, LDS helps to cover the school fees for the poorest students, from kindergarten to high school, and enables the institutes to ensure a quality education and study environment. At the monasteries, the project supports youngest children's primary studies and young people and adults' monastic path.

**GENERAL OBJECTIVE:** Contributing to the preservation and dissemination of Himalayan cultures through LDS to Tibetan and Nepalese students and monks.

**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE:** Ensuring study sponsorship to the most disadvantaged children and young people in the Himalayan communities in the areas of intervention. Increasing education quality in the schools where the project is active. Improving LDS students and monks living and study conditions. Raising awareness among supporters of the issues of international solidarity/cooperation and the importance of safeguarding cultures at risk.

**RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2022:** Improved education quality in 10 schools and 4 mon-



asteries, improvement of the living and studying conditions of 518 students and 162 monks, regular exchanges and updates with all long-distance supporters.

**BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2022:** 518 students and 162 monks

**PARTNER:** Manasarovar Academy, Bönpo Triten Norbutse Monastery, Nepal Agroforestry Foundation (NAF), Sangsung Meri Bon Culture Society, Shree Gautam Buddha Vihara Monastery, Pal Tashi Chhoyling Monastery, Nghagyur Sangngh Choeling Monastery, Sherig Phuntsok Ling Bon Society, Namgyal Higher Secondary School, Srongtsen Bhrikuti Boarding High School

**SPENT FUNDS IN 2022:** 135,775.64 Euro










# NOT ONLY LONG-DISTANCE SPONSORSHIP

In India, Nepal and Bhutan, a high level of education is the only opportunity for young people to build a future for themselves and actively contribute to the society in which they live. However, the best schools, universities and colleges are located in the big cities where, in addition to tuition fees and the cost of teaching materials, high living costs are to be considered. Many families, often shepherds, farmers or seasonal workers, cannot afford to help their children, and although students sometimes work part-time jobs for their livelihood, the small income generated by these jobs is never enough. Moreover, public scholarships are difficult to obtain and those students who manage to get into the most prestigious universities, but cannot afford to pay fees, have to drop out and in some cases abandon their studies, with serious consequences for themselves, their families and the entire community.

## ENRICO DELL'ANGELO FUND



The Enrico Dell'Angelo Fund – set up in 2018 to honour Enrico Dell'Angelo's memory and legacy – is a project created with the main objective of sponsoring university or vocational studies of young Himalayans having proven skills and strong motivation, in order to improve the overall quality of life in the areas where they live and to spread their culture and traditions throughout the world. The total amount of each scholarship granted by the Fund depends on the total fees each recipient has to pay until the end of their study cycle. The scholarship amounts to 75% of this total cost, the remaining 25% must be covered by the student as proof of their commitment. Since the beginning of the Fund, 10 scholarships have been granted to 5 male students and 5 female stundents, for university and vocational study courses of different duration (from 1 to 5 years).

**WHERE:** Nepal, India, Bhutan

**GENERAL OBJECTIVE:** Enhancing the knowledge, skills and career opportunities of young people from Tibetan and Himalayan communities in Asia and in the world.

**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE:** Supporting university and specialised studies of young Tibetans and Himalayans in their countries and around the world; raising donor awareness concerning international solidarity/cooperation issues and the importance of safeguarding cultures at risk.

**RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2022:** Started two new scholarships (EDA009 and EDA010) that, added to the 2 still active since 2021, contribute to the total of 4 scholarships in the year.

**BENEFICIARIES ACHIEVED IN 2022:** 4 students. The details below:

| Name (non completo) | Identification code | F/M | Country | Degree Course | Duration (years) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chonyi | EDA006 | M | India | Tibetan medicine (MA) | 5 |
| Dendup | EDA008 | M | Bhutan | Safeguarding cultural heritage (MA) | 2 |
| Kunkyi | EDA009 | F | Nepal | Business Administration (BA) | 2 |
| Pema | EDA010 | M | Bhutan | Safeguarding cultural heritage (MA) | 2 |

**PARTNER:** Study Grant office of the Department of Education of Tibetan Government in Exile and Central European University (CEU)

**AMOUNT SPENT IN 2022:** 20,772.34 Euro

## FRANCESCO AND MARIA CATALDI FUND

Since 2019, ASIA started a Scholarship Fund, "Francesco and Maria Cataldi Fund", together with the sponsor G. Cataldi, to honour the memory of his parents who died in 2011. In this case, a single donor undertakes to cover a variable number of grants at 100% and for the entire duration of the beneficiaries' studies. The applicants are selected among deserving and needy Tibetan and Himalayan students attending universities and graduate courses in India and Nepal. Unfortunately, due to the closure of projects in China in 2021, the support to the first student selected for this fund had to stop.

**WHERE:** Nepal and India

**GENERAL OBJECTIVE:** Enhancing the knowledge, skills and career opportunities of young people from Tibetan and Himalayan communities in Asia..

**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE:** Supporting young Tibetans and Himalayans' university and postgraduate studies in their countries and around the world. Helping young people build a future for themselves and improving their living conditions and those of the community in which they live.

**RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2022:** Started two new scholarships and increased the the knowledge, skills and career opportunities of the two young beneficiaries students.

**BENEFICIARIES ACHIEVED IN 2022:** 2 students. The details below:

| Name (non completo) | Identification code | F/M | Country | Degree Course | Duration (years) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gyaltso | FMC002 | M | Nepal | Travel and Tourism Management | 4 |
| Gelje | FMC003 | M | Nepal | Business Management | 4 |

**PARTNER:** N/A

**AMOUNT SPENT IN 2022:** 2,977.00 Euro

# FUNDRAISING AND COMMUNICATION



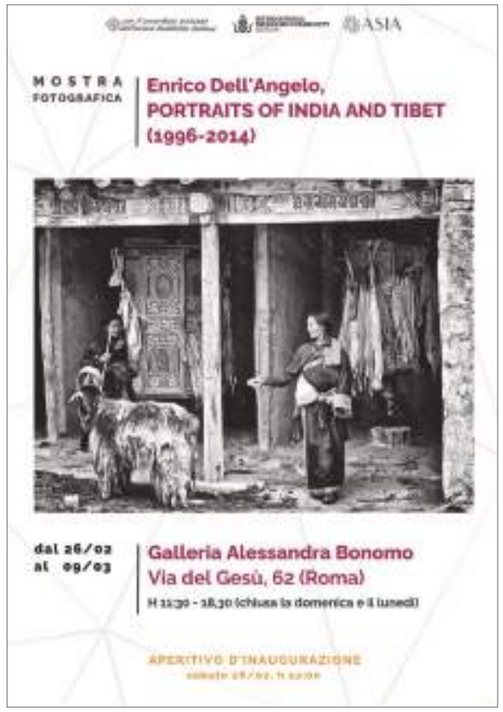
# FUNDRAISING AND COMMUNICATION

In 2022, the common thread linking all activities of this sector was the support of the Tibetan diaspora in India and Nepal: almost all fundraising campaigns – including those to promote the 5x1000, solidarity gifts and events were dedicated to supporting the communities in exile and raising awareness in Western civil society about the important mission of safeguarding Tibetan culture that they serve.
These institutional activities and campaigns were complemented by an emergency campaign, launched in March together with the International Dzogchen Community to support Ukrainian members in need, and later developed in cooperation with ASIA Germany, which enabled us to help several health centres in conflict affected areas of Ukraine.



## EVENTS

A series of in-person and online events took place in 2022, allowing us to gain visibility and connect with new audiences.
In January, the virtual photo exhibition '**Nepal Stories**' continued as part of 2 projects financed by the Autonomous Province of Bolzano: 'Reducing food insecurity and improving women's living conditions in the Rasuwa district' and 'Drinking water and promoting cattle breeding for the Bhotekoshi community'. With this reportage, photographer **Thibault Gregoire** portrayed the lives of Nepalese women – who are slowly building their self-esteem and autonomy thanks to these projects – and Nepalese rural communities' everyday life.
At the end of February, the exhibition **Enrico Dell'Angelo, Portraits of India and Tibet (1996 - 2014)** was inaugurated at the Galleria Alessandra Bonomo in Rome: 50 photographs by Enrico Dell'Angelo, taken during his stay in Tibet and during his trips to India and Bhutan. The exhibition, part of the Semi di Consapevolezza (Seeds of Awareness) project financed by the Italian Buddhist Union, was subsequently exhibited in Merigar.
In May, we organised the in-person and online event **INCONTRIAMOCI**, at Zhenphenling in Rome, with the aim of updating sponsors and new people about the long-distance sponsorship project. The meeting was engaging and exciting as Tsultrim Sangmo, the headmistress of the Manasarovar school in Kathmandu, and a former student who had







received long-distance sponsorship joined the session to bring their testimony.
On the first weekend of October, ASIA Trento organised the initiative **Maha. Stories of bees, women and the fight against climate change in Nepal**, at the Centre for International Cooperation, together with the Associazione Apicoltori Trentini, the Trentino Forestry Association and Trentino for Tibet, as part of the project 'Environmental conservation in Langtang Park', financed by the Autonomous Province of Trento. The event took place over 2 days, alternating between academic discussions and testimonies from the field, tastings of Nepalese food and Trentino honeys and malga cheeses, and the projection of the video '**Nepal. Stories of empowerment and resilience**' by Mila Production and a concert of Indian music with Ameli Saha and Rashmi Bhatt. The photographic exhibition 'The Female Face of Ne-











pal' by Thibault Gregoire was also on display for the entire weekend. In this way, the aim was to return the work done in Nepal to the citizens of Trentino thanks to the project co-financed by PAT, while bringing people closer to the country's culture and traditions.
Following this event, given the interest of the participants, a Nepalese fundraising dinner was organised at the end of October by ASIA Trento together with the Trento Beekeepers' Association, in an Indian restaurant in Trento, in support of Nepalese women beekeepers.
The month of November was dedicated to the Christmas campaign and solidarity gifts with a series of events in different cities in Italy:





- APERITIBET in Rome, together with Zhenphenling, with momo aperitifs
- a SOLIDARITY DINNER in Modena, an event organised every year by the Modena support group
- APERITIBET in Naples, together with Namdeling, with a series of activities proposed by the 2 associations and final momo aperitif..

Finally, in December, the event **Tasting Nepal** in Bolzano was organised, with show-cooking of Nepalese cuisine and dinner of Nepalese thali and momo, an evening to get to know Nepalese culture through its culinary traditions and to tell about the MenSana project, realised thanks to funds from the Autonomous Province of Bolzano.

## CAMPAIGNS

In 2022, campaigns were aimed at supporting Tibetan refugee communities in India and Nepal, and at safeguarding the cultural and spiritual heritage they preserve, with the exception of the emergency campaign launched to support the people of Ukraine.
As we were forced to close our projects in the Tibetan regions of China at the end of 2021, we wanted to give a strong signal to supporters and donors maintaining our positioning: ASIA's mission remains the one set out by our founder, Chögyal Namkhai Norbu, to protect the cultural identity of the Tibetan people, their language and their immense heritage of knowledge.
Here are the campaigns promoted in 2022:

- **Not Only in Tibet**, the campaign launched at Christmas 2021 to support Tibetan refugee communities in India and Nepal and to raise awareness of the problems they are currently experiencing.
  The focus on the campaign was renewed during the year with social media communication.
- **Don't let them disappear, give your 5x1000 to Tibet**. This is the claim of the 2022 campaign, accompanied by images of children, women, men, old men, monks and nuns








about to disappear under an eraser. The message, accompanied by the graphic image, wanted to underline the urgency of seizing the opportunity offered by the 5x1000 to support the Tibetan cause at no cost.
The internal target at which the campaign was aimed was divided into 2 groups: long-distance sponsors and donors on the one hand and contacts, i.e. people who have never donated, on the other. Both groups were reached with paper mailings, DEM and SMS.
The campaign was also disseminated on social media with short videos specifically shot by Mila Production, a Kathmandu based video maker company with whom ASIA has been collaborating for years. The bookmarks that we make every year as a vehicle for the campaign were also disseminated.

- **Hidden Treasures. Support the guardians of Tibet's spiritual heritage**. This campaign, launched at Christmas, was dedicated to a very specific target group: the nuns of the Guru Padmasambhava hermitage and the monasteries where we have active projects in Nepal.
  In such a dark historical moment as the one we are living through, the invisible heritage of highly evolved knowledge about the nature of the mind and the universe enshrined in these sacred places becomes a priceless treasure. These are refined systems to train minds and emotions, spiritual practices for the benefit of all sentient beings, in a non-dualistic vision based on the assumption of the oneness and interdependence of all living beings.
  The call to action offered 2 possibilities: the long-distance adoption of a nun of the Guru Padmasambhava hermitage or a one-off donation.
  Dissemination took place via paper mailings to our internal target audience, DEM, visibility on social media and at events.
- **Ukraine emergency**. Following the outbreak of the conflict in Ukraine, given the presence of numerous members of the Dzogchen Community in Kiev and other





regions of the country, ASIA together with the International Dzogchen Community, decided to launch a fundraising appeal to support the people affected by the war.
Following the first appeal, 14 packages containing basic necessities (food, medicine, clothes) were prepared and sent to families in need in contact with members of the Ukrainian Dzogchen Community.
Subsequently, the campaign was promoted with DEM to our mailing list and, thanks to the cooperation with ASIA Germany and its Director, doctor Wolfgang Schweiger, 5 emergency monitors and high quality defibrillators were purchased and sent to ambulances working on the front line in the Kramatorsk area (Donetsk Oblast), consumables for VAC pumps to the children's hospitals in Chernihiv and Mikolaivi, and 10 Paul-type water filters to ensure drinking water for 10 health centres in Kramatorsk and Bakhmut. An estimated 16,000 people benefitted from this intervention.

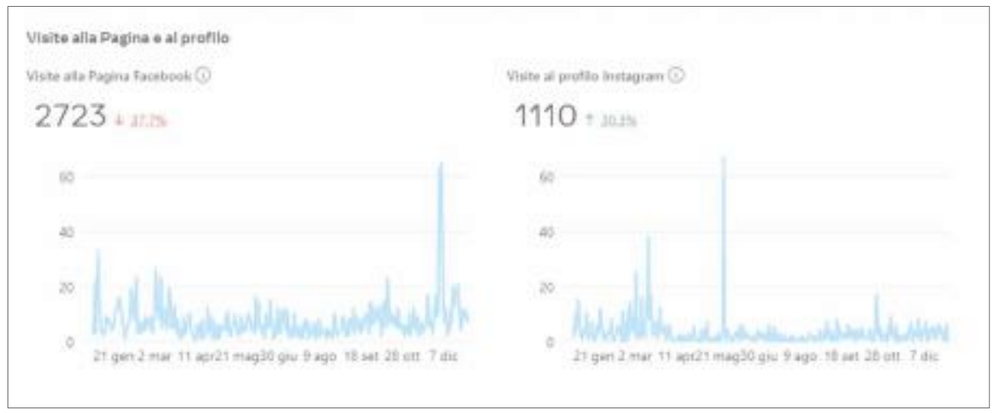
The total collected through the campaigns, excluding the 5x1000, is 195.729,15 Euro.

## COMMUNICATION

In 2022, communication, in addition to promoting the fundraising campaigns, reported on ASIA's work in the field through **ASIA News, the quarterly newsletter** sent out at the beginning of each season, and the usual posts and stories on social media. In addition, since 2022, in-person events have gradually resumed, organised both to promote fundraising campaigns and distance adoptions, and Global Citizenship Education projects, which have been given visibility on all our channels.
As every year, we were featured with an update article on our work in the quarterly magazine of the International Dzogchen Community, the Mirror.
Also, communication was enriched with some cultural headings, dedicated to



Losar (the Tibetan New Year) and the **8 auspicious symbols**.
This is some data on communication on Facebook and Instagram:







## SOLIDARITY GIFTS

Solidarity gifts, as always, were promoted especially for Christmas. To the already existing items, such as akshamalas, bracelets and rings Messages from Tibet, some **products from Mongolia** were added: **scarves made of sheep wool and yak wool, good omens bags made of silk and felt, handmade backpacks with traditional decorations**.
**The 2023 calendar** was dedicated to the **nuns of the Guru Padmasambhava hermitage**, in support of the Hidden Treasures campaign.
Total proceeds from charitable gifts: 14.978,00 Euro.










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# BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

| ASSETS | 31.12.2022 | 31.12.2021 |
|---|---|---|
| **A. MEMBERSHIP FEES OR CONTRIBUTIONS STILL DUE** | **0** | **330** |
| **B. FIXED ASSETS** | **39,572** | **42,069** |
| **I - Intangible fixed assets** | **0** | **0** |
| 1) Installation and expansion costs | 0 | 0 |
| 2) Development costs | 0 | 0 |
| 3) Industrial Patent and Intellectual Property Rights | 0 | 0 |
| 4) Concessions, licences, trademarks and similar rights | 0 | 0 |
| 5) Start-up | 0 | 0 |
| 6) Assets under construction and payments on account | 0 | 0 |
| 7) Others | 0 | 0 |
| **II - Tangible fixed assets** | **33,413** | **35,523** |
| 1) Land and Buildings | 0 | 0 |
| 2) Plant and machinery | 0 | 0 |
| 3) Equipment | 3,713 | 5,823 |
| 4) Other Assets | 29,700 | 29,700 |
| **III - Financial Fixed Assets, with separate additional indication, for each item of receivables, of the amounts due within one year:** | **6,159** | **6,546** |
| **1) Holdings in:** | **0** | **0** |
| a) Subsidiaries | 0 | 0 |
| b) Affiliated companies | 0 | 0 |
| c) Other companies | 0 | 0 |
| **2) Receivables:** | **6,159** | **6,546** |
| a) From subsidiaries | 0 | 0 |
| b) To affiliated companies | 0 | 0 |
| c) To other Third Sector entities | 0 | 0 |
| d) To others | 6,159 | 6,546 |
| **3) Other titles** | **0** | **0** |
| **C. CURRENT ASSETS** | **2,020,522** | **1,910,923** |
| **I - Inventories** | **0** | **0** |
| 1) Raw, ancillary and consumable materials | 0 | 0 |
| 2) Work in progress and semi-finished products | 0 | 0 |
| 3) Contract work in progress | 0 | 0 |
| 4) Finished products and goods | 0 | 0 |
| 5) Payments on account | 0 | 0 |



# BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

| ASSETS | 31.12.2022 | 31.12.2021 |
|---|---|---|
| **II - Receivables, with separate additional indication, for each item, of the amounts due beyond the next financial year** | **507,751** | **475,477** |
| 1) Towards users and customers | 8,225 | 10,280 |
| 2) Towards associates and founders | 0 | 0 |
| 3) Towards public bodies | 100,343 | 61,257 |
| 4) To private entities for contributions | 267,811 | 216,429 |
| 5) Towards entities in the same association network | 30,637 | 37,017 |
| 6) To other third sector entities | 91,910 | 146,948 |
| 9) Tax credits | 0 | 948 |
| 11) Deferred tax assets | 4,596 | 1,854 |
| 12) Towards others | 4,228 | 744 |
| **III - Financial assets not constituting fixed assets** | **590** | **590** |
| 1) Shareholdings in subsidiaries | 0 | 0 |
| 2) Shareholdings in affiliated companies | 0 | 0 |
| 3) Other titles | 590 | 590 |
| **IV - Cash and cash equivalents** | **1,512,181** | **1,434,856** |
| 1) Bank and postal deposits | 1,501,587 | 1,417,661 |
| 2) Cheques | 0 | 0 |
| 3) Cash and valuables on hand | 10,594 | 17,196 |
| **E) ACCRUED INCOME AND PREPAID EXPENSES** | **0** | **0** |
| **TOTAL ASSETS** | **2,060,094** | **1,953,323** |



# BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

| LIABILITIES | 31.12.2022 | 31.12.2021 |
|---|---|---|
| **A. NET ASSETS** | **1,504,252** | **1,375,610** |
| **I - Endowment Fund of the Organisation** | **138,563** | **30,093** |
| **II - Restricted assets** | **1,363,603** | **1,237,047** |
| 1) Statutory reserves | 0 | 0 |
| 2) Restricted reserves by decision of institutional bodies | 0 | 0 |
| 3) Restricted reserves allocated by third parties | 1,363,603 | 1,237,047 |
| **III - Free Assets** | **0** | **0** |
| 1) Profit reserves or operating surpluses | 0 | 0 |
| 2) Other reserves | 0 | 0 |
| **IV - Surplus/deficit for the year** | **2,086** | **108,470** |
| **B. PROVISIONS FOR RISKS AND CHARGES** | **872** | **9,827** |
| 1) For pensions and similar obligations | 0 | 0 |
| 2) For taxes, including deferred taxes | 0 | 0 |
| 3) Others | 872 | 9,827 |
| **C. SEVERANCE PAY** | **64,145** | **71,449** |
| **D. LIABILITIES, WITH SEPARATE ADDITIONAL INDICATION, FOR EACH ITEM, OF AMOUNTS DUE BEYOND THE FOLLOWING YEAR** | **125,072** | **103,029** |
| 1) Due to banks | 0 | 0 |
| 2) Liabilities to other lenders | 0 | 0 |
| 3) Liabilities to associates and founders for financing | 0 | 0 |
| 4) Liabilities to entities in the same association network | 0 | 0 |
| 5) Liabilities for conditional donations | 0 | 0 |
| 6) Payments on account | 0 | 0 |
| 7) Liabilities to suppliers | 34,789 | 19,091 |
| 8) Liabilities to subsidiaries and associates | 0 | 0 |
| 9) Tax liabilities | 5,738 | 4,690 |
| 10) Amounts due to social security institutions | 10,967 | 9,235 |
| 11) Liabilities to employees and collaborators | 22,327 | 21,076 |
| 12) other liabilities | 51,251 | 48,936 |
| **E. ACCRUED EXPENSES AND DEFERRED INCOME** | **365,753** | **393,407** |
| **TOTAL LIABILITIES** | **2,060,094** | **1,953,323** |



# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

| COSTS AND CHARGES | 31.12.2022 | 31.12.2021 |
|---|---|---|
| **A. COSTS AND CHARGES FROM GENERAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES** | | |
| 1) Raw materials, consumables and goods | 315,780 | 492,233 |
| 2) Services | 55,198 | 0 |
| 3) Use of third party assets | 0 | 0 |
| 4) Staff | 396,127 | 669,558 |
| 5) Depreciation | 0 | 0 |
| 5B) Devaluation of tangible and intangible fixed assets | 0 | 0 |
| 6) Provisions for risks and charges | 0 | 0 |
| 7) Miscellaneous operating expenses | 682,345 | 1,042,664 |
| 8) Opening inventories | 0 | 0 |
| 9) Allocation to restricted reserve by decision of institutional bodies | 0 | 0 |
| 10) Use of restricted reserve by decision of institutional bodies | 0 | 0 |
| **Total A. Costs and charges from general interest activities** | **1,449,450** | **2,204,455** |
| **B. COSTS AND EXPENSES FROM OTHER ACTIVITIES** | | |
| 1) Raw materials, consumables and goods | 0 | 0 |
| 2) Services | 0 | 0 |
| 3) Use of third party assets | 0 | 0 |
| 4) Staff | 0 | 0 |
| 5) Depreciation | 0 | 0 |
| 5B) Devaluation of tangible and intangible fixed assets | 0 | 0 |
| 6) Provision for risks and charges | 0 | 0 |
| 7) Miscellaneous operating expenses | 0 | 0 |
| 8) Opening inventories | 0 | 0 |
| **Total B. Costs and expenses from other activities** | **0** | **0** |
| **C. COSTS AND EXPENSES FROM FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES** | | |
| 1) Charges for regular fundraising | 0 | 0 |
| 2) Charges from occasional fundraising | 0 | 0 |
| 3) Other Charges | 0 | 0 |
| **Total C. Costs and expenses from fundraising activities** | **0** | **0** |
| **D. COSTS AND CHARGES FROM FINANCIAL AND ASSET ACTIVITIES** | | |
| 1) On bank accounts | **6,048** | **7,565** |
| 2) On loans | **0** | **0** |
| 3) From building heritage | | |
| 4) From other assets | **6,401** | **-11,060** |

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# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

| COSTS AND CHARGES | 31.12.2022 | 31.12.2021 |
|---|---|---|
| 5) Provisions for risks and charges | 0 | 0 |
| 6) Other Charges | 31,827 | 4,336 |
| **Total D. Costs and charges from financial and asset activities** | **44,276** | **841** |
| **E. GENERAL SUPPORT COSTS AND CHARGES** | | |
| 1) Raw materials, consumables and goods | 0 | 0 |
| 2) Services | 32,475 | 39,535 |
| 3) Use of third party assets | 0 | 0 |
| 4) Staff | 326,699 | 193,469 |
| 5) Depreciation | 2,443 | 2,245 |
| 6) Provisions for risks and charges | 14,171 | 18,442 |
| 7) Other Charges | 45,789 | 74,355 |
| 8) Allocation to restricted reserve by decision of institutional bodies | 0 | 0 |
| 9) Use of restricted reserve by decision of institutional bodies | 0 | 0 |
| **Total E. General support costs and charges** | **421,577** | **328,046** |
| **TOTAL CHARGES AND COSTS** | **1,915,303** | **2,533,341** |



# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

| REVENUES, INCOME AND PROCEEDS | 31.12.2022 | 31.12.2021 |
|---|---|---|
| **A. REVENUES, INCOME AND PROCEEDS FROM ACTIVITIES OF GENERAL INTEREST** | | |
| 1) Proceeds from membership fees and founders' contributions | 2,525 | 1,590 |
| 2) Proceeds from members for mutual activities | 0 | 0 |
| 3) Revenues from services and sales to associates and founders | 0 | 0 |
| 4) Liberal Donations | 567,816 | 622,539 |
| 5) Proceeds of the 5x1000 | 63,666 | 125,304 |
| 6) Contributions from private entities | 415,405 | 571,410 |
| 7) Revenues from presentations and sales to third parties | 0 | 0 |
| 8) Contributions from public bodies | 581,794 | 1,092,426 |
| 9) Proceeds from contracts with public bodies | 0 | 0 |
| 10) Other revenues, income and proceeds | 63,581 | 93,846 |
| 11) Closing inventories | 0 | 0 |
| **Total A. Revenues, income and proceeds from activities of general interest** | **1,694,787** | **2,507,115** |
| **Surplus/deficit of general interest activities (+/-)** | **245,337** | **302,660** |
| **B. REVENUES, INCOME AND PROCEEDS FROM OTHER ACTIVITIES** | | |
| 1) Revenues from services and sales to associates and founders | 0 | 0 |
| 2) Contributions from private entities | 0 | 0 |
| 3) Revenues from services and sales to third parties | 0 | 0 |
| 4) Contributions from Public Bodies | 0 | 0 |
| 5) Proceeds from contracts with public bodies | 0 | 0 |
| 6) Other revenues, income and proceeds | 0 | 0 |
| 7) Closing inventories | 0 | 0 |
| **Total B. Revenues, income and proceeds from other activities** | **0** | **0** |
| **Surplus/deficit of various activities (+/-)** | **0** | **0** |
| **C. REVENUES, INCOME AND PROCEEDS FROM FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES** | | |
| 1) Proceeds from regular fundraising | 0 | 0 |
| 2) Proceeds from occasional fundraising | 0 | 0 |
| 3) Other Proceeds | 0 | 0 |
| **Total C. Revenues, income and proceeds from fundraising activities** | **0** | **0** |
| **Surplus/deficit of fundraising activities (+/-)** | **0** | **0** |
| **D. REVENUES, INCOME AND PROCEEDS FROM FINANCIAL AND CAPITAL ASSETS** | | |
| 1) From bank accounts | 3,804 | 2,357 |
| 2) From other investments | 0 | 0 |
| 3) From building heritage | 0 | 0 |

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## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

| REVENUES, INCOME AND PROCEEDS | 31.12.2022 | 31.12.2021 |
|---|---|---|
| 4) From other assets | 0 | 0 |
| 5) Other Proceeds | 24,127 | 0 |
| **Total D. Revenues, income and proceeds from financial and capital assets** | **27,931** | **2,357** |
| **Surplus/deficit of financial assets and assets (+/-)** | **-16,345** | **3,198** |
| **E. GENERAL SUPPORT PROCEEDS** | | |
| 1) Proceeds from the secondment of staff | 0 | 0 |
| 2) Other general support Proceeds | 200,809 | 137,697 |
| **Total E. General support proceeds** | **200,809** | **137,697** |
| **Total proceeds and revenues** | **1,923,527** | **2,647,169** |
| **Operating surplus/deficit before tax (+/-)** | **8,224** | **113,829** |
| **Taxes** | **6,138** | **5,360** |
| **Surplus/deficit for the year (+/-)** | **2,086** | **108,470** |

## GENERAL PART

### 1. General information on the organisation

**ASIA**, Association for International Solidarity in Asia, is a Non-Governmental Organisation founded in December 1988 by the will and commitment of a group of scholars of Tibetan culture.
President and founder of the organisation was Chögyal Namkhai Norbu, from whom ASIA continues to draw inspiration in promoting initiatives to safeguard Tibetan culture.
ASIA promotes development projects in Asian Himalayan countries in the fields of education, culture, health training, sustainable agriculture and environmental sustainability.
It promotes the right to education through long-distance sponsorship and works in Italy with Global Citizenship Education projects.
The main objective of ASIA's commitment is to promote the economic, social and health development of Asian ethnic minorities whose cultural identity is threatened.

ASIA is accredited with the following decrees at:

- Italian Agency for Cooperation and Development, by Decree No. . 2016/337/000136/0;
- Register of Non-Profit Organisations, at the Regional Revenue Office of Tuscany Decree No. 12076;
- Prefectural Register of Legal Persons of Grosseto, Decree No. 190;
- Regional Register of Lombardy Associations, section International Relations, No. 89.

In addition, ASIA is recognised as eligible for EU agency funds for cooperation and development.
Furthermore, on 14 February 2023, ASIA amended its bylaws to comply with Third Sector regulations and on 12 April 2023, it was enrolled in the Single Registry of the Third Sector (RUNTS) Tuscany Region at No. 2799.
ASIA operates in Italy, Nepal, India, Myanmar, Bhutan and Mongolia.
ASIA operates in the Asian continent and in particular in India, Nepal, Mongolia, Myanmar and Bhutan and has helped more than 1,500,000 people in all these years. In addition to having acquired professionalism and experience in the management of development and emergency projects, ASIA and all its staff in Italy and around the world have absorbed and made their own the values encountered in many of these ancient cultures. Values such as awareness, compassion, altruism, openness to different cultures and direct involvement of local communities have become an integral part of ASIA's work. Not only our Association aims to fight poverty, but also to create a culture of peace and tolerance in order to participate in the creation of a better society, respectful of people and the environment in which they live.

The Association carries out the following activities of general interest as defined in Article 5 of the Code of the Third Sector:
a) Development cooperation, pursuant to Law No. 125 of 11 August 2014, as amended;
b) Long-distance sponsorship;



c) Promotion of the culture of legality, peace among peoples, non-violence and unarmed defence;
d) Promotion and protection of human, civil, social and political rights.

The table below summarises the different offices:

| Description | City | Address |
|---|---|---|
| Legal office | Arcidosso – 58031 - Italy | Loc. Podere Nuovo Merigar – sede Legale e operativa |
| Operational office | Roma – 00185 - Italy | Via San Martino della Battaglia 31 |
| Operational office | Como – 22070 - Italy | Via Casale Roccolo 1 |
| Operational office | Milano – 20141 - Italy | Via Sibari 15 |
| Operational office | Favaro Veneto – 30173 - Italy | Via Indri 31b |
| Operational office | Bolzano – 39100 - Italy | Via della Vigna 56 |
| Legal office | Kathmandu -44600 - Nepal | W.N. 2 Lanzipat House n.85/62 |
| Legal office | Ulaan Baatar - Mongolia | 8 Oyu Center 23 apartment, 16th khoroo, Orkhon 1 Bayangol district |
| Legal office | Yangoon - Myanmar | Excel Tower 305, n.520 Kabar Aye Pagoda Road and Shwee Gone Bahan |

The bodies envisaged by the Statute in force in 2022 are:

- General Assembly
- Board of Directors
- General Secretary
- Supervisory Body, currently Single Supervisory Body
- Board of arbitrators.

The General Assembly is the statutory body that deliberates on the general direction of activities for the achievement of the Organisation's purposes, approves the financial statements and the balance sheet, and appoints and dismisses the members of the Board of Directors, the Board of Arbitrators and the Supervisory Body. The General Assembly is convened at least once a year for the approval of the annual budget, the possible renewal of officers and the presentation of the budget.

The Board of Directors takes the necessary and appropriate measures to achieve the association's aims, according to the directives of the Assembly. It consists of a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 9 board members. It approves the annual financial statements and budget to be submitted to the General Assembly. Board positions are unpaid.

The General Secretary is elected by the Board of Directors from among its members and holds office for 3 years and may be reappointed. The General Secretary is the legal representative of ASIA for all acts of ordinary and extraordinary administration decided by the Board of Directors, as well as the relevant power of attorney.



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS AT THE DATE OF APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

| | |
|---|---|
| Andrea dell'Angelo | Legal Representative |
| Daniela Garbo | Board Member |
| Giorgio Cancelliere | Board Member |
| Gaetano Ruvolo | Board Member |
| Riccardo Ducci | Board Member |
| Roberto Zamparo | Board Member |
| Gabriele Mugnai | Board Member |
| Wolfgang Schweiger | Board Member |
| Mark Farrington | Board Member |

The Supervisory Body has the duty of supervising compliance with the law and the articles of association and observance of the principles of proper administration, the adequacy of the organisational, administrative and accounting structure and its actual functioning. It monitors the observance of solidarity and socially useful purposes; it certifies that the annual report is drawn up in compliance with the guidelines; it points out to the Board of Directors situations of conflict of interest in which the Secretary General may find himself and makes recommendations and indications to the Board of Directors that are deemed appropriate for the correctness and transparency of the association's operations and for the consistency of activities with the statutory purposes.

**SUPERVISORY BODY MEMBERS**

| | Description |
|---|---|
| Francesco Lauria | Single-member Supervisory Body |

The Board of Arbitrators consists of 3 members, who have been members of the association for at least 7 years, elected by the General Assembly outside the Board of Directors. The Board is elected for the same term of office as the Board of Directors. Any social dispute between the members and the association or its bodies shall be submitted, to the exclusion of any other jurisdiction, to the competence of the Board of Arbitrators. The Arbitrators shall judge on equitable principles without any procedural formalities and their ruling shall be final..

**BOARD OF ARBITRATORS MEMBERS**

| | Description |
|---|---|
| Leopoldo Sentinelli | Board President |
| Marco Almici | Board Member |
| Carla Caponi | Board Member |

## 2. Data on members, founders and their activities

ASIA had 42 members at the end of the financial year, of whom 22 were women and 20 men, plus the founding members. The members of ASIA participate, on a democratic principle, in the Assemblies convened to approve the financial statements, for statu-



tory changes deemed necessary, and participate in the association as provided for in Article 10 of the current Statute. ASIA adopts the ordinary tax system and since it has no commercial activities, it is not subject to IRES (corporation tax).

## Description of the elements of the financial statements

### 3. Criteria applied in the valuation of balance sheet items

The financial statements, in compliance with the provisions of Ministerial Decree of 5 March 2020, are drawn up in accordance with the general clauses, general financial statement principles and valuation criteria set forth in Articles 2423, 2423-bis and 2426 of the Italian Civil Code and the OIC national accounting standards, insofar as they are compatible with the non-profit nature and the civic and solidarity and socially useful purposes of Third Sector entities.
Specifically, the rules of recognition and valuation included in the OIC national accounting standards have been observed, with the exception of the specific provisions set out in the OIC national accounting standard No. 35 for entities that draw up their financial statements according to the provisions of Article 13 of Legislative Decree 117/2017 (Code of the Third Sector).
This standard has been applied prospectively, i.e. from the financial year 2021 onwards, as the determination of the legacy effect was particularly burdensome.
The organisation used fair value as the valuation criterion for non-synallagmatic transactions received during the financial year 2022.
The accounting items shown in the statement and in this report are given the meanings set out in Annex 1 of the Ministerial Decree of 5 March 2020, unless otherwise specified.
The items valuation was made cautiously, with a view to the continuation of the business, in accordance with the accrual principle.
It should be noted that no items have been merged or eliminated with respect to the ministerial model and that there are no items that could fall under more than one heading in the balance sheet format for which it is necessary to provide information for the purposes of understanding the financial statements.
In preparing the financial statements, the accrual principle has been adopted and, therefore, the effect of transactions and other events has been recognised in the accounts and attributed to the financial year to which these transactions and events refer, and not to the year in which the relevant cash movements (receipts and payments) materialise.  This report has been prepared on the assumption of associational continuity. The financial statements and this Mission Report are expressed in euro units. In particular, the valuation criteria adopted in drawing up the financial statements were as follows:

#### Tangible fixed assets

This item includes all those tangible assets at the disposal of the Association, with a duration of several years. Tangible assets are recorded at purchase cost, including any directly attributable accessory charges and VAT, since this is not deductible pursuant to Article 72 of Presidential Decree No. 633/72.
Fixed assets, whose value at the end of the financial year is permanently lower than their book value, are recorded at this lower value and the difference is charged to the income statement as a devaluation.
Depreciation allowances, charged to the statement of operations, were calculated in view of the use, destination and economic-technical life of the assets, based on the criterion of residual possibility of utilisation.
Applied rates are as follows

- works of art: 0%
- fittings and furnishings: 12%
- electronic equipment: 20%

#### Financial fixed assets

They are recorded at cost, adjusted for impairment losses. Financial fixed assets consisting of loans are valued at acquisition cost. Other securities are stated at acquisition cost including directly attributable accessory charges and excluding interest accrued at the date of transfer.

#### Receivables

Receivables represent rights to collect, at an identified or identifiable maturity, fixed or determinable amounts of cash, or goods/services of equivalent value, from customers or other parties. Receivables are stated in the balance sheet at their estimated realisable value, which is deemed to be their nominal value. No allowance for doubtful accounts is recorded in the balance sheet.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

They represent the positive balances of bank and postal deposits, cheques, as well as cash and securities on hand at the end of the financial year. Bank and postal deposits and cheques are valued at their presumed realisable value, cash and cash securities at nominal value. In this case, the realisable value is the nominal value.
The balance of cash and cash equivalents amounted to 1,512,181 euros as at 31 December 2022, an increase of 77,325 euros compared to the previous year.



The breakdown of cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year is shown below:

| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS | 31.12.2022 | 31.12.2021 | Variations |
|---|---|---|---|
| **CASH REGISTER, ITALY** | **8,560** | **10,778** | **- 2,218** |
| Cash Register Euros | 2,248 | 1,320 | 928 |
| Cash Register Dollars | 1,487 | 1,361 | 127 |
| Cash Register Renminbi | 127 | 127 | - |
| Cash Register Paypal | 4,389 | 7,716 | - 3,327 |
| Cash Register MNT - Mongolia | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| Cash Register Paypal Usd | - | 247 | - 247 |
| Cash Register MMK Myanmar | 5 | 5 | - 0 |
| Cash Register Checks | 300 | - | 300 |
| **CASH REGISTER, FOREIGN OFFICES** | **2,034** | **6,417** | **- 4,383** |
| Cash Register Xining | - | 4,233 | - 4,233 |
| Cash Register projects on the field | - | 42 | - 42 |
| Cash Register Kathmandu | 296 | 265 | 30 |
| Cash Register Ulaan Baator | 827 | 467 | 360 |
| Cash Register Yangon usd | 14 | | 14 |
| Cash Register Yangon | 897 | 1,410 | - 513 |
| **BANK C/A IN ITALY** | **1,372,626** | **109,952** | **1,262,674** |
| MPS BANK c/c 3893.50 | 3,871 | 334 | 3,537 |
| MPS BANK c/c 5622.72 | 5,726 | 2,860 | 2,866 |
| MPS BANK c/c 6069.79 | 76,757 | 96,288 | - 19,532 |
| Credit Agricole c.c. 6652 | 59,895 | | 59,895 |
| Credit Agricole c.c. 8051 | 60,399 | | 60,399 |
| Credit Agricole c.c. 8152 | 103,220 | | 103,220 |
| Credit Agricole c.c. 7950 | 339,151 | | 339,151 |
| Credit Agricole c.c. 8253 | 699,424 | | 699,424 |
| Credit Agricole c.c. 8538 | 98 | | 98 |
| Postal C/A 89549000 | 6,902 | 2,646 | 4,256 |
| Postal C/A 78687001 | 17,186 | 7,824 | 9,361 |
| **BANK C/A ABROAD** | **128,961** | **142,174** | **- 13,213** |
| Kathmandu Euro | 20,136 | 58,995 | - 38,860 |
| Kathmandu - Npr - 02 | 5,620 | 18,250 | - 12,629 |
| Kathmandu – Npr - 03 | 577 | 17,863 | - 17,286 |
| Kathmandu - Npr - 04 | 28,356 | 1,340 | 27,016 |
| Kathmandu – AICS - 05 | 405 | 1,196 | - 791 |
| Kathmandu 96101 Npr - 01 | 47,072 | 3,.946 | 14,126 |
| Ulaan Baatar Euro | 22,785 | 28 | 22,757 |
| Ulaan Baatar Mnt | 3,030 | 11 | 3,018 |
| Yangoon PC ASIA euro meb | 10 | 1,791 | - 1,781 |
| Yangoon PC ASIA euro | 20 | ,.474 | - 7,454 |
| Yangoon PC ASIA usd | 93 | 88 | 5 |
| Yangoon PC ASIA MMK | 189 | 1,347 | - 1,158 |
| Yangoon PC ASIA usd -MEB | 9 | 844 | - 835 |
| Yangoon PC ASIA - MMK | 659 | - | 659 |

## Net assets

Net assets include:

- restricted assets, consisting of the earmarked reserves, where unused earmarked funds are set aside;
- free assets, consisting of the results of previous years, as well as other reserves;
- the surplus/deficit for the year.

## Accrued income and prepaid expenses

They are calculated on an accrual basis and in accordance with the accrual accounting principle.

## Provisions for risks and charges

These consist of provisions set aside to cover losses or debts of a definite nature and of certain or probable existence, but whose amount and/or date of occurrence could not be determined at the balance sheet date.
The general criteria of prudence and accrual have been observed in the valuation of these provisions, and no generic risk provisions without economic justification have been set up.
Contingent liabilities have been recognised in the balance sheet and entered in the provisions as they are considered probable and the amount of the related charge can be reasonably estimated.

## Severance pay

This represents the actual debt accrued at the balance sheet date to employees in accordance with the law and current employment contracts, considering all forms of remuneration of an ongoing nature. The provision corresponds to the total of the individual indemnities accrued in favour of employees at the closing date of the financial statements, net of the agreements paid, and is equal to the amount that would have been payable to employees if they had terminated their employment on that date.

## Liabilities

Liabilities are payables of a definite nature and certain existence that represent obliga-





tions to pay fixed or determinable amounts of cash to lenders, suppliers and other parties. Debts are classified on the basis of their nature (or origin) with respect to ordinary operations, regardless of the time period within which the liabilities are to be settled. They are recognised and entered in the financial statement at their nominal value.

### Currency Assets and Liabilities

Currency Assets and Liabilities are measured at the Bank of Italy's exchange rates as at 31 December 2022, published in the Official Gazette General Series No. 7 of 11 January 2022. The related exchange rate gains and losses are charged to the statement of operations.



Income and expenses are recognised on an accrual basis and recognised in the statement of operations according to their nature and correlation..

## 4. Movements of fixed assets

### Intangible fixed assets

No intangible assets are recorded in the balance sheet.

### Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are recorded at their purchase cost, with the total amount of depreciation in progress shown; works of art are recorded at their estimated realisable value. The value of equipment recorded net of depreciation is 33,413 euros.
Tangible fixed assets include works of art in the amount of 29,700 euros. In accordance with OIC16 Tangible Fixed Assets Paragraph 58, no depreciation has been applied to these assets.

| Goods | Type | Initial cost | Revaluations/ devaluation | Aliena-tions | Depre-ciation allowance 2022 | Residual depreciation | % depreciation |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Unico Olimpia air conditioners | Furnishings | 7,930.00 | 0 | 0 | 1,387.00 | - | 12 |
| Office chairs | Furnishings | 3,474.40 | 0 | 0 | 417.00 | 1,181.00 | 12 |
| Scanner Epson v850 | Electronic equipment | 779.01 | 0 | 0 | 93.00 | 265.00 | 20 |
| Server HP T140 | Electronic equipment | 1,695.80 | 0 | 0 | 339.00 | 848.00 | 20 |
| Dell Inspirion | Electronic equipment | 1,029.00 | 0 | 0 | 206.00 | 240.00 | 20 |
| **Totale am-mortamenti** | | **14,908** | **0** | **0** | **2,442** | **2,534** | |

### Financial fixed assets

Financial fixed assets recognised in the financial statements as at 31 December 2022 amounted to 6,159 euros and related to security deposits for the rent of the Rome headquarters, local offices and the security deposit with Poste Italiane S.p.A. used for the shipment of publications to supporters.

## 5. Start-up and Expansion Costs, and Development Costs

No start-up and expansion costs or development costs are recognised.

## 6. Receivables and Liabilities

The composition of and changes in receivables are shown in the table below. It should be noted that there are no liabilities or receivables with a term of more than 5 years, nor are there any debts secured by collateral on corporate assets.



The following table shows the breakdown of receivables recorded in the balance sheet and the relative change from the previous year:

| RECEIVABLES | Amount as at 31.12.2022 | Amount as at 31.12.2021 | Variation |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1) Towards users and customers | 8,225 | 10,280 | -2,055 |
| 2) Towards associates and founders | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3) Towards public bodies | 100,343 | 61,257 | 39,086 |
| 4) To private entities for contributions | 267,811 | 216,429 | 51,382 |
| 5) Towards entities in the same association network | 30,637 | 37,017 | -6,380 |
| 6) To other third sector entities | 91,910 | 146,948 | -55,038 |
| 9) Tax credits | 0 | 948 | -948 |
| 11) Deferred tax assets | 4,596 | 1,854 | 2,742 |
| 12) Towards others | 4,228 | 744 | 3,484 |
| **Total** | **507,751** | **475,477** | **32,274** |

The debts entered in the balance sheet under D. are all due within 12 months, the changes in detail below:

| LIABILITIES | Amount as at 31.12.2022 | Amount as at 31.12.2021 | Variation |
|---|---|---|---|
| Variations | 34,789 | 19,091 | 15,698 |
| Verso Erario | 5,738 | 4,690 | 1,048 |
| Towards Inps - Inail | 10,967 | 9,235 | 1,732 |
| Towards Employees and Collaborators | 22,327 | 2,.076 | 1,251 |
| Various debts | 51,250 | 48,936 | 2,314 |
| **Total** | **125,072** | **103,029** | **22,043** |

## 7. Accrued expenses and deferred income and other provisions

Accrued expenses arise from expenditure commitments pertaining to the closing financial year and which will be paid in the year 2023 to the Long-distance Sponsorship Institutions for a total of 271,940 euros.

| ACCRUED EXPENSES | Amount as at 31.12.2022 | Amount as at 31.12.2021 | Variations |
|---|---|---|---|
| For Long-distance Sponsorship | 271,940 | 300,689 | -28,750 |

Deferred income relates to proceeds for Long-distance Sponsorship and Membership dues pertaining to future years and received in the year under review in the amount of 93,814 euros.

| DEFERRED INCOME | Amount as at 31.12.2022 | Amount as at 31.12.2021 | Variations |
|---|---|---|---|
| For Long-distance Sponsorship | 93,814 | 92,718 | 1,096 |



Provisions for risks and charges amounted to 872 euros as at 31 December 2022, a decrease of 8,954 euros compared to the previous year. The provisions for risks and charges recorded in the balance sheet cover the risk of reductions in the reporting of projects presented to Donors.

| OTHER PROVISIONS | Amount as at 31.12.2022 | Amount as at 31.12.2021 | Variations |
|---|---|---|---|
| Other provisions for risks and charges | 872 | 9,827 | -8,954 |
| **Total** | **872** | **9,827** | **-8,954** |

The balance of the provision for termination indemnities was 64,145 euros as of 31 December 2022, a decrease of 7,304 euros from the previous year.

| SEVERANCE PAY | Amount as at 31.12.2022 | Amount as at 31.12.2021 | Variations |
|---|---|---|---|
| Severance pay | 64,145 | 71,449 | -7,304 |
| **Total** | **64,145** | **71,449** | **-7,304** |

## 8. Net assets

ASIA's net assets is composed of 2 main sub-items:

- **Restricted assets**, resulting from donor-restricted funds for projects and long-distance sponsorship;
- **Free assets**, consisting of the operating surplus from previous years transferred to the Endowment Fund;
- **Surplus/deficit** , for the current year.

Existing net assets at the end of the financial year was 1,502,165.29 euros to which the surplus for the year 2023 of 2,085.73 euros should be added.
The table below shows the changes that occurred during the year in the individual items:

| RESTRICTED ASSETS | Origin | Use | Amount as at 31.12.2022 | Amount as at 31.12.2021 | Variations |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| For projects | Institutional Donors - Private Bodies Associations | Implementation of emergency, development and Global Citizenship Education projects | 1,363,602.65 | 1,199,634.00 | 163,968.65 |
| For Long-distance Sponsorship | Private Donors | | 0 | 37,413.12 | -37,413.12 |
| **Total Restricted Assets** | | | **1,363,602.65** | **1,237,047.12** | **126,555.53** |



# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS – PROCEEDS

| FREE ASSETS | Origin | Use | Amount as at 31.12.2022 | Amount as at 31.12.2021 | Variations |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Endowment Fund | Operating surpluses from previous years | Non-ordinary activities by resolution of the Board of Directors | 138,562.64 | 30,093.13 | 108,469.51 |
| **Total Free Assets** | | | **138,562.64** | **30,093.13** | |
| Surplus/deficit for the year | | | 2,085.73 | 108,469.51 | -106,383.78 |
| **Total Net Assets** | | | **1,504,249.73** | **1,375.609,76** | **128,639.97** |

Restricted assets are affected by the use of both the previous and current year's restricted funds for the implementation of projects during the year.
Free assets are the endowment fund resulting from the allocation of surpluses from previous years and the current year's result, the use of which is the prerogative of the General Assembly's decision.

### 9. Indication of commitments for expenditure or reinvestment of funds or contributions received for specific purposes

Funds received with an earmarking restriction and not used during the year are shown in Net Assets under item A.II. 3 restricted funds for projects. These funds, when used, are entered in the financial statements under proceeds, item A.4.

### 10. Liabilities for conditional donations

Liabilities for conditional donations are entered in the balance sheet under accrued expenses in respect of 365,753 euros received for long-distance sponsorship and 207,732 euros received for projects in the restricted reserves earmarked by third parties.

### 11.The Statement of Operations

The following is an analysis of the main components of the Statement of Operations according to the areas into which it is divided, highlighting the most important elements and indicating individual revenue or cost elements of exceptional magnitude or significance.

| A. PROCEEDS FROM INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES | | 1,694,787 |
|---|---|---|
| **1 Proceeds from membership fees** | | 2,525 |
| **4 Liberal Donations** | | |
| | by individuals for projects | 207,732 |
| | by individuals for long-distance sponsorship | 283,075 |
| | free donations | 77,008 |
| **5 Proceeds 5x1000** | | 63,666 |
| **6 Contributions from Private entities** | | |
| | by foundations | 35,195 |
| | by private entities | 377,785 |
| | from Asia in the world | 2,425 |
| **8 Contributions from Public Bodies** | | 581,794 |
| **10 Other Proceeds** | | |
| | various contributions for projects | 63,581 |

Proceeds from institutional activities amounted to 1,694,787 euros, broken down as follows:

1. 2022 membership fees for 42 members;
4. Liberal donations of 567,816 euros from individual private entities broken down by type of destination;
5. 5x1000 proceeds affected by the use of the provision made last year in the amount of 63,666 euros;
6. Contributions from private entities are related to donations and financing for projects allocated by use and detailed by type of donor for a total of 415,405 euros. It should be noted that the amounts related to Asia in the world for financing Asia Germany are posted for the portion used during the year and not for the portion actually disbursed amounting to 24,359.36 euros.
8. This is where the proceeds, pertaining to utilisation, from public bodies, such as the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, AICS, and the Autonomous Province of Bolzano, in the total amount of Euro 581,794, is allocated;
10. Other proceeds relates to contributions from Asia and local project partners in the amount of 63,581 euros.

| D. PROCEEDS FROM FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES | 27,931 |
|---|---|
| 1 on bank accounts | 3,804 |
| 4 other Proceeds | 24,127 |

Income from financial assets derived from bank and postal interest proceeds in Italy and abroad in the amount of 3,804 euros and from contingent assets and positive exchange rate differences in the amount of 24,127 euros.
In section E.2 we find proceeds from the recovery of administrative charges from projects and long-distance sponsorship.



# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS – CHARGES

| A. CHARGES FROM INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES | 1,449,450 |
|---|---|
| **1 Subsidiary raw materials, consumables and goods** | |
| Equipment | 161,597 |
| Construction | 154,183 |
| **2 Services** | |
| Project-related consultancy | 55,198 |
| **4 Staff** | |
| Charges of expatriate staff | 96,497 |
| Local staff costs | 28,805 |
| Staff costs in Italy | 16,825 |
| **5 Depreciation** | - |
| **6 Provisions for risks and charges** | - |
| **6 Miscellaneous operating expenses** | |
| Other direct costs | 129,447 |
| Project administration costs | 81,073 |
| Monitoring | 13,612 |
| Operating Costs | 111,743 |
| Local contributions | - |
| Visibilit | 17,959 |
| On-site training | 37,401 |
| Charges for long-distance sponsorship | 291,110 |

Charges in Table A represent, by category of expenditure, what was implemented in the projects during 2022 for a total of 1,449,450 euros.

| D. CHARGES FROM FINANCIAL AND ASSET ACTIVITIES | 44,276 |
|---|---|
| 1. On bank accounts | 6,048 |
| 3. Exchange rate difference | 31,827 |
| 4. Taxes and fees | 6,401 |

Table D shows the charges for financial and capital assets.
Table E of the charges shows the structure expenses that are not directly related to Asia's institutional projects and activities.

| E. GENERAL SUPPORT CHARGES | 421,577 |
|---|---|
| **2 Services** | |
| Fees and utilities | 25,331 |
| Provision of services | 7,144 |
| **4 Staff and collaborations** | 326,699 |
| **5 Depreciation** | 2,443 |
| **6 Provisions for risks and charges** | 14,171 |
| **7 Miscellaneous operating expenses** | |
| Information and promotion charges | 21,600 |
| Miscellaneous charges | 19,265 |
| Sad charges | 4,925 |

## 12. Nature of donations received

The liberal donations Asia receives are made by private individuals earmarking the donations for institutional activities such as projects, long-distance sponsorship and free donations. Generally, these donations are of small and medium amounts. Every year, Asia notifies the Italian Revenue Agency of the donations made by private individuals and issues a certificate of the funds received each year from supporters.

| PROCEEDS DETAIL | |
|---|---|
| **Membership fees** | **2,525** |
| **Free donations** | **567,816** |
| Private donors for projects | 207,732 |
| Long Distance Sponsorhip contributions | 283,075 |
| Free donations | 77,008 |
| **5x1000 income** | **63,666** |
| **Foundations** | **35,195** |
| Tides Foundation | 35,195 |
| **Other bodies and associations** | **377,785** |
| Treedom srl | 170,000 |
| Italian Caritas | 22,461 |
| Asia Trento | 36,964 |
| Italian Buddhist Union | 148,360 |
| **ASIA in the world** | **2,425** |
| Asia Germany | 2,425 |
| **Institutional donors** | **581,794** |
| AICS (Italian Agency for Cooperation Development) | 431,190 |
| Autonomous Province of Bolzano | 150,604 |
| **Other income** | **63,581** |
| Income from local partner | 63,581 |



## 13. Employees and volunteers

The national Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) of commerce for the tertiary, distribution and services sector applies to employees. The Framework Agreement entered into with the trade unions renewed on 9 April 2018 applies to the employees and has provided greater guarantees for sickness and maternity protection to this group of workers. The unit indicated as manager is on a VAT registered basis. There are no volunteers referred to in Article 17 par. 1 of Legislative Decree No. 117/2017. The average number of employees is shown below:

| Collaborators | Women | Men | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Full-time employees | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Part-time employees | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Co.co.co Italy | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Co.co.co Abroad | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Director | | 1 | 1 |
| **Totale** | **7** | **6** | **13** |

The average number of employees by category is shown below:

| Collaborators by category | Women | Men | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Executives | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Managers | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Employees/collaborators | 6 | 6 | 12 |
| **Total** | **6** | **7** | **13** |

## 14. Remuneration of the Executive Body, the Supervisory Body and the Statutory Auditor

Details of the remuneration of the Executive Body, the Supervisory Body and the Statutory Auditor, as well as the difference in remuneration between employees, are shown:

**Board of Directors**
The Board members receive no remuneration

**Supervisory Body**
does not receive any remuneration

**Auditing Company entrusted with the voluntary audit**
Crowe Bompani SpA: 4,100 euros

## 15. Assets earmarked for a specific business

There are no assets earmarked for a specific business.

## 16. Related Party Transactions

During the year, relations were maintained with the related association Asia Trento, with which international cooperation activities and projects are carried out.
During the year, sums totalling 27,015 euros were advanced, and the receivables recognised in the balance sheet as at 31 December 2022 totalled 91,910 euros.

## 17. Proposed allocation of surplus or deficit coverage

It is proposed to the members' meeting to allocate the year's surplus of 2,086 euros to the Association's Endowment Fund, the possible use of which will be decided by the Board of Directors.

## Description of the economic and financial performance of the organisation and how it pursues its statutory aims

## 18. Situation of the organisation and management performance

Asia's priorities in 2022 were developing ecologically sustainable agriculture to counter the effects of climate change; improving access to education; supporting gender equality and women's empowerment; preventing and preparing the most fragile populations for pandemics; and defending the cultural, spiritual and linguistic heritage of cultural minorities. Our activities focused in Asia in the Himalayan region, in Mongolia and Myanmar, we concentrated on the least developed and most vulnerable countries, dependent on predominantly agro pastoral, family-run economies with a low degree of technological innovation.
The operating performance was positive even though it had to suffer for the first time since its foundation from the lack of commitment in Chinese Tibet, a fact due to the restrictions imposed by the local authorities due to the well-known events towards the Tibetan minority.

## 19. Foreseeable development of operations

In the years to come, the Organisation will have to geographically strengthen its position in all countries with Tibetan culture, in the Himalayan areas of Nepal, India and Bhutan. ASIA will have to continue to protect the environment of these mountainous areas, so fragile and sensitive to climate change, by helping farmers to develop sustainable and environmentally friendly agriculture in order to guarantee food security, as well as to invest in the education of local populations with great attention to all minorities in order to preserve their traditions, culture and spirituality. Long-distance sponsorship must be increased to slow down school drop outs, which tragically increased during the pandemic period. Projects for the protection of Himalayan cultural, artistic and spiritual heritage. The presentation of new development projects to institutional and private donors, and the focus on increasing activities in Italy for both fundraising and awareness-raising will bring new funds that will allow the financial balance to be maintained for the coming year.

## 20. Ways of pursuing statutory goals

IThe pursuit of our statutory purposes will be undertaken through the implementa-



tion of projects in the countries where we operate, following the statutory themes and methods. The same will be done through increased communication to raise awareness of the issues by broadening the audience of private supporters, both individuals and foundations, and with an eye to the for-profit sector that denote ethical sensitivity to our mission.
Through our projects, intervention in schools with the teaching of yoga and the principles of awareness, towards oneself, the environment and people, is taking root.

## 21. Miscellaneous and secondary activities

No secondary activities were carried out.

## 22. Notional proceeds and expenses

No notional costs and proceeds were presented at the bottom of the Statement of Operations.

## 23. Information on personnel costs

Difference in salaries of employees and facility collaborators:
Maximum gross salary: 52,416.00 euros (VAT-registered)
Minimum gross salary: 18,053.17 euros
Ratio 1:8 3.44

## 24. Description of Fundraising Activities under Section C of the Statement of Operations

During 2022, no fundraising activities were undertaken outside normal institutional activities.



# Annex 1 – Detail of Commitments to Projects

| PROJECTS | Restricted Assets at 31/12/2021 | Restricted Assets Increase | Restricted Assets Increase | Restricted Assets at 31/12/2022 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation /AICS** | **652.777.41** | **239,363.71** | **436,646.49** | **455,494.63** |
| 2248 AICS Myanmar | 465,906.31 | 239,363.71 | 249,775.39 | 455,494.63 |
| 2250 AICS Speed_Nepal | 186,871.10 | | 186,871.10 | - |
| **Prime Minister's Office** | **-** | **336,625.69** | **-** | **336,625.69** |
| 2282 PCdM Nepal Sindhupalchock | | 136,736.96 | | 136,736.96 |
| 2283 PCdM Myanmar gardens | | 99,448.50 | | 99,448.50 |
| 2287 PCdM_Bhutan | | 100,440.23 | | 100,440.23 |
| **Autonomous Province of Bolzano** | **174,698.40** | **187,666.58** | **206,081.96** | **156,283.02** |
| 2290 Bolzano Sindhupalchowk Nepal | | 45,660.66 | | 45,660.66 |
| 2291 Bolzano Bhutan | | 43,790.50 | | 43,790.50 |
| 2292 Bolzano agricoltural practices Nepal | | 41,868.96 | | 41,868.96 |
| 2264 Bolzano MenSana Nepal | 82,371.20 | 4,769.67 | 87,140.87 | - |
| 2279 Bolzano Myanmar Gardens | 37,758.00 | | 12,795.10 | 24,962.90 |
| 2280 Bolzano Coffee Rasuwa | 31,611.30 | 12,501.95 | 44,113.25 | - |
| 2281 Bolzano Bhutan digital class | 22,957.90 | 39,074.84 | 62,032.74 | - |
| **Tides Foundation** | **155,779.75** | **91,981.84** | **77,477.71** | **170,283.88** |
| 2286 Sumthrang 2 phase | | 91,981.84 | 35,195.00 | 56,786.84 |
| 2259 Triten 2 phase | 155,779.75 | | 42,282.71 | 113,497.04 |
| **ASIA Trento** | **19,507.19** | **36,963.73** | **39,509.65** | **-** |
| 2243 Langtang | 19,507.19 | 36,963.73 | 39,509.65 | - |
| **Italian Buddhist Union** | **50,628.24** | **46,509.22** | **97,137.46** | **-** |
| 2261 Mongolia Media Literacy | 40,097.10 | 24,870.19 | 64,967.29 | - |
| 3018 Breathing the Earth | 10,531.14 | 21,639.03 | 32,170.17 | - |
| **Private Donors** | **146,243.89** | **207,988.41** | **109,316.87** | **244,915.42** |
| 0552 Manasarovar | 1,570.80 | | 1,570.80 | - |
| 0086 Dzongtsa | 2,400.00 | | | 2,400.00 |
| 0089 Khamdogar | 1,586.58 | | | 1,586.58 |
| 0094 Dzolung | 480,00 | | | 480.00 |
| 0614 Surgery for Life | 1,082.84 | | | 1,082.84 |
| 0615 Study Grants EDA | 21,402.44 | 37,453.24 | 20,772.34 | 38,083.33 |
| 0616 Study Grants Cataldi | 811.22 | 2,977.50 | 2,977.00 | 811.72 |
| 0618 Manasarovar | | 928.00 | | 928.00 |
| 2266 Covid Manasarovar | 0.10 | | 0.10 | - |
| 2269 COVID19 Italia Hospitals | 1,753.30 | | 1,753.30 | - |
| 2272 Buthan Sumthrang | 26,206.96 | | 26,206.96 | - |

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## Annex 1 – Detail of Commitments to Projects

| PROJECTS | Restricted Assets at 31/12/2021 | Restricted Assets Increase | Restricted Assets Increase | Restricted Assets at 31/12/2022 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2274 Treedom 2021 | 6,010.83 | | 6,010.83 | - |
| 2275 Treedom Beacon | 1,628.88 | | 1,628.88 | - |
| 2294 Pakel Nepal | | 12,000.00 | | 12,000.00 |
| Myanmar Projects | 901.95 | | 901,95 | - |
| 4016 Merigar | 16,388.80 | | - | 16,388.80 |
| 4017 Solidarity trips | 435.00 | | 435,00 | - |
| 4021 Covid 19 Emergency | 83.88 | | 83,88 | - |
| 4023 Seeds of future | 17,824.98 | | | 17,824.98 |
| 4024 EmergenzAsia | 32,095.13 | | 32,095.13 | - |
| 4025 Not only in Tibet | 13,580.20 | | 13,580.20 | - |
| 4027 Hidden treasures | | 7,188.00 | 1,300.50 | 5,887.50 |
| **Total** | **1,199,634.88** | **1,147,099.18** | **983,131.42** | **1,363,602.64** |



# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To Shareholders
of A.S.I.A - Associazione per la Solidarietà Internazionale in Asia

**Report on the audit of the Financial Statements**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of A.S.I.A.- Associazione per la Solidarietà Internazionale in Asia (the Entity), which consist of the balance sheet as of December 31st, 2022 and the management report for the year then ended, and the sections "Parte Generale" e "Illustrazione delle poste di bilancio" included in the notes to the financial statement ("Relazione di Missione").

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Entity as at December 31st, 2022, and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with Italian regulations governing their preparation criteria.

**Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA Italia). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with ethical and independence regulations and standards applicable to audits of financial statements under Italian law. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Other matters**

The financial statements present for comparative purposes the corresponding figures for the previous year prepared by the board of directors in accordance with the same legal provisions governing their preparation, our audit report does not extend to these figures.

This report is not issued pursuant to statutory requirements.

**Responsibilities of bord of directors and monocratic control organ for the Financial Statements**

Bord of directors is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Italian law governing the criteria for their preparation and, within the terms of the law, for that part of the internal control they consider necessary to enable the preparation of



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financial statements that do not contain material misstatements, whether due to fraud or unintentional conduct or events.
In preparing the financial statements, bord of directors is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless bord of directors either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The monocratic control organ is responsible for supervising, as required by law, the process of preparing the Entity's financial reporting.

**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or unintentional conduct or events, and to issue an audit report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is defined as a high level of assurance which, however, does not provide assurance that an audit performed in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA Italia) will always detect a material misstatement, if any. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISA Italia, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by bord of directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of bord of directors use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention to it in our audit report on the relevant financial statement disclosures, or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to reflect that fact in the formulation of our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the evidence obtained up to the date of this report. However, subsequent events or circumstances may result in the Entity ceasing to operate as a going concern;
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance, identified at an appropriate level as requested by ISA Italia, regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit

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and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Rome, 30th May 2023

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*Signed by*
Fabio Sardelli
(Partner)

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# REPORT OF THE UNIPERSONAL ORGAN

**Report of the Unipersonal Organ**

**To the Assembly convened for approval of the Financial Statement for 2022 of A.S.I.A – "Associazione per la Solidarietà Internazionale in Asia"**

Ladies and Gentlemen, Members, over the course of auditing the balance sheet closed on 31 December 202 I performed my task of supervision in compliance with the law in force, taking into account the principles of conduct of the Board of Auditors advocated by the National Council of Chartered Accountants and Accounting Experts, monitoring the adherence to the law and of the articles of association.

Concerning the activity carried out, I report as follows:

- I supervised compliance with the law and the articles and adherence to the principles of proper administration;

- I received from the competent administrative departments the due information on activities carried and on operations of major economic, asset and financial importance put in place in the financial year, that are fully documented in the Mission Report, to which they refer. Based on the information provided, I can reasonably hold that the operations put in place by the Association comply with the law and the articles of the association.

- I supervised the fitness of the accounting management system, as well as the dependability of the latter to report accurately results of transactions by means of information obtained from those in charge of the competent departments. No anomalies transpired from the tasks performed that might indicate systemic inappropriacy or connote significant omissions or impropriety needing mention in the present report, furthermore I have inspected and was informed about organizational and procedural activities that proved suitable to the activity carried out by and the scale of the Association;



- I did not detect any unusual or atypical transactions with third parties liable to affect significantly the asset, economic and financial conditions of the Association;

- I know of no occurences or complaints worthy of mention to the Assembly;

- over the course of the financial year I have not issued legal opinions;

- In performing the above-mentioned supervising activity during meetings with the members of the A.S.I.A. Administrative Office I acquired information on the general management trend and its unfolding and on the significant uncertainties and risk factors related to the continuation and operations of major prominence carried out by the Association and based on the information obtained I have no particlar observations to report.

With regard to the financial statement closed on 31 December 2022 I monitored the aspects and procedures not related to the statutory audit, on the statement and its general compliance with law pertaining to its framing and structure; in particular I was able to observe that the balance statement was drawn up for the first time in accordance with art. 13 of D.Lgs, n. 117 of 3 July 2017 (Third Sector Code) and of D.M. 5 March 2020 of Ministry of Labor and Social Policies as integrated by OIC 35 Accounting Principle ETS that govern the drafting.

Furthermore I determined the conformity of the balance statement to the evidence and information that I am aware of ensuing on the execution of my duty and with regard to which I have no observation to make.



On 29 May 2023 I received by email the document by Crowe Bompani Spa (Dott. Fabio Sardelli Legal Auditor) engaged by the A.S.I.A. General Assembly for the statutory audit for financial year 2022, who issued Certification of the Audit for the A.S.I.A. financial statement for 2022 without comment.

Considering that the Crowe Bompani Spa issued his statement without comments the Unipersonal Organ finds no grounds for refusing the approval of the balance sheet on 31 December 2022 and the Mission Report giving a favourable opinion to the proposal regarding the allocation of the surplus as deliberated by the Assembly.

Firenza, 30 May 2023

SINGLE AUDITOR

DR. FRANCESCO LAURIA

